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US SUPREME COURT

Senate confirms Jackson



President Joe Biden and Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson watch the Senate vote from the White House in Washington. **MANDEL NGAN/GETTY-AFP**

On mostly partisan vote, lawmakers elevate first Black woman to bench, shattering historic barrier

By **Mary Clare Jalonick and Mark Sherman**  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Senate confirmed Ketanji Brown Jackson to the Supreme Court on Thursday, shattering a historic barrier by securing her place as the first Black female justice and giving President Joe Biden a bipartisan endorsement for his effort to diversify the high court.

Cheers rang out in the Senate chamber as Jackson, a 51-year-old

appeals court judge with nine years experience on the federal bench, was confirmed 53-47, mostly along party lines but with three Republican votes. Presiding and emotionally announcing the vote was Vice President Kamala Harris, also the first Black woman to reach her high office.

“This is a wonderful day, a joyous day, an inspiring day — for the Senate, for the Supreme Court and for the United States of Amer-

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Senate vote

**53-47**

Three Republicans — Sens. Susan Collins of Maine, Lisa Murkowski of Alaska and Mitt Romney of Utah — broke party lines to vote for Ketanji Brown Jackson, who becomes just the third Black justice, after Thurgood Marshall and Clarence Thomas. The tally was far from the overwhelming bipartisan votes for other justices in decades past.

CORONAVIRUS  
IN CONNECTICUT

Lamont tests positive for virus

Governor, who is asymptomatic, will quarantine at home

By **Christopher Keating**  
Hartford Courant

HARTFORD — Gov. Ned Lamont, the state’s leading official in the two-year battle against the coronavirus pandemic, has tested positive.

On Twitter shortly after 1 p.m. Thursday, Lamont wrote, “I wanted you to hear straight from me that I tested positive for COVID-19 today. I feel good, and I’m not experiencing any symptoms. We’ve done contact tracing to let people know. Thankfully, I’m double boosted, and I encourage everyone to get your vaccine and boosters if eligible.”

Lamont is likely the most tested person in Connecticut — having been tested twice a week for the past 18 months. Lamont has been in the state in recent days, but he traveled most recently to Minneapolis for the national championship game to see the University of Connecticut women’s basketball team.

Lamont’s chief spokesman, Max Reiss, said that the governor “took a regularly scheduled COVID-19 rapid self-test, and it showed a positive diagnosis, which was later confirmed with a second rapid self-test. He is currently awaiting the results of a PCR test. Our office has also conducted contact tracing to identify and inform close contacts.”

Reiss added, “He is feeling good and not experiencing any symptoms, and he is grateful that he is receiving protection from the second booster shot he received last week. Per CDC guidance and out of an abundance of caution, the governor will quarantine at

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A drape is lifted from the 21-foot memorial at the American School for the Deaf. **MARK MIRKO PHOTOS/HARTFORD COURANT**

‘A PIECE OF OUR HISTORY’

American School for the Deaf unveils resurrected monument honoring founder Thomas Gallaudet



Artist Steven Petersen wipes away tears after seeing the panel he restored honoring American School for the Deaf founder Thomas Gallaudet.

By **Jesse Leavenworth**  
Hartford Courant

Granite, marble and bronze, a melding of old and new materials, form a resurrected monument unveiled Thursday at the American School for the Deaf in West Hartford.

Prominent on the school’s broad front lawn off North Main Street, the 20-foot-tall monument honors school founder Thomas Gallaudet.

The obelisk and crowning globe, along with two relief panels, are marble from the original monument, which was dedicated in 1854 on the school’s former campus on Asylum Street in Hartford. Artists re-created two of the original marble relief panels in bronze. One shows Gallaudet teaching children and the other spells out his name in American Sign Language, which was invented at the school. The monument’s base is Vermont granite, carved to replicate the original marble.

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Surplus gives boost to state’s \$24.2B spending proposal

By **Christopher Keating**  
Hartford Courant

HARTFORD — A key Democratic-controlled committee voted Thursday to approve elements of Gov. Ned Lamont’s \$24.2 billion budget proposal as negotiators

head toward a final agreement in the coming month.

The budget-writing appropriations committee funded a wide variety of state services, including child care, workforce training, domestic violence prevention, open space, smoking cessa-

tion, government accountability and clean air, among others. The massive state budget covers everything from dental care for prison inmates to salaries for about 50,000 state employees.

But the committee cut back Lamont’s high-profile plan to

reduce the car tax collectively by \$160 million. Instead, lawmakers recommended \$100 million for cities and towns to pay for lost tax revenues — meaning that the cut would reach towns with a mill rate of 32.46 and above. Lamont’s plan of 29 mills and above would

help 103 of the 169 cities and towns but not low-mill-rate communities like Greenwich, Darien, New Canaan, and Westport. The idea will be negotiated with Lamont in the coming weeks before officials

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State Treasurer Wooden won’t seek reelection

Connecticut Treasurer Shawn T. Wooden announced Thursday he would not seek a second term in office, in order to spend more time with his family. **Connecticut, Page 1**

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ica,” exulted Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer of New York. The Senate’s upper galleries were almost full for the first time since the beginning of the pandemic two years ago, and about a dozen House members, part of the Congressional Black caucus, stood at the back of the chamber.

“We’re making history,” declared Rep. Marilyn Strickland of Washington state.

Harris, who paused with emotion as she read the vote, said as she left the Capitol that she was “overjoyed, deeply moved.”

Jackson will take her seat when Justice Stephen Breyer retires this summer, solidifying the liberal wing of the 6-3 conservative-dominated court. She joined Biden at the White House to watch the vote, embracing as it came in.

During the four days of Senate hearings last month, Jackson spoke of her parents’ struggles through racial segregation and said her “path was clearer” than theirs as a Black American after the enactment of civil rights laws. She attended Harvard University, served as a public defender, worked at a private law firm and was appointed as a member of the U.S. Sentencing Commission.

She told senators she would apply the law “without fear or favor,” and pushed back on Republican attempts to portray her as too lenient on criminals she had sentenced.

Jackson will be just the third Black justice, after Thurgood Marshall and Clarence Thomas, and the sixth woman. She will join three other women — Sonia Sotomayor, Elena Kagan Amy Coney Barrett — meaning that four of the nine justices will be women for the first time.

Her eventual elevation to the court will be a respite for Democrats who fought three bruising battles over former



President Joe Biden talks with Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson as they watch the Senate vote on her confirmation Thursday. Jackson will join three other women on the court — Sonia Sotomayor, Elena Kagan Amy Coney Barrett — meaning that four of the nine justices will be women for the first time. **SUSAN WALSH/AP**

President Donald Trump’s nominees and watched Republicans cement a conservative majority in the final days of Trump’s term with Barrett’s confirmation. While Jackson won’t change the balance, she will secure a legacy on the court for Biden and fulfill his 2020 campaign pledge to nominate the first Black female justice.

“This is a tremendously historic day in the White House and in the country,” said White House press secretary Jen Psaki after the vote. “And this is a fulfillment of a promise the president made to the country.”

Despite the efforts to tarnish her record, Jackson eventually won three GOP

votes. The final tally was far from the overwhelming bipartisan confirmations for Breyer and other justices in decades past, but it was still a significant bipartisan accomplishment for Biden in the 50-50 split Senate after GOP senators aggressively worked to paint Jackson as too liberal and soft on crime.

Statements from Sens. Susan Collins of Maine, Lisa Murkowski of Alaska and Mitt Romney of Utah all said the same thing — they might not always agree with Jackson, but they found her to be enormously well qualified for the job.

Collins and Murkowski both decried increasingly

partisan confirmation fights, which only worsened during the battles over Trump’s three picks. Collins said the process was “broken” and Murkowski called it “corrosive” and “more detached from reality by the year.”

Biden, a veteran of a more bipartisan Senate, said from the day of Breyer’s retirement announcement in January that he wanted support from both parties for his history-making nominee, and he invited Republicans to the White House as he made his decision.

It was an attempted reset from Trump’s presidency, when Democrats vociferously opposed the three nominees, and from the end of President Barack

Obama’s, when Republicans blocked nominee Merrick Garland from getting a vote.

Once sworn in, Jackson will be the second youngest member of the court after Barrett, 50. She will join a court on which no one is yet 75, the first time that has happened in nearly 30 years.

Jackson’s first term will be marked by cases involving race, both in college admissions and voting rights. She has pledged to sit out the court’s consideration of Harvard’s admissions program because she is a member of its board of overseers.

But the court could split off a second case involving a challenge to the University of North Carolina’s admis-

sions process, which might allow her to weigh in on the issue.

Judith Browne Dianis, executive director the Advancement Project, a civil rights organization, said Jackson’s confirmation will make the court more reflective of communities that are most impacted by the judiciary.

“The highest court in the land now will have a firsthand perspective of how the law impacts communities of color — via voting rights, police misconduct, abortion access, housing discrimination or the criminal legal system, among other issues,” she said. “This will ultimately benefit all Americans.”

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Gov. Ned Lamont has tested positive for COVID-19. This February 2021 photo shows Lamont receiving his first dose of the vaccine at The First Cathedral church in Bloomfield. AP

**“I feel good, and I’m not experiencing any symptoms. We’ve done contact tracing to let people know. Thankfully, I’m double boosted, and I encourage everyone to get your vaccine and boosters if eligible.”**

— Gov. Ned Lamont, in a Twitter post announcing that he has COVID-19

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home for the next five days and not attend any in-person events or meetings. He will continue to monitor himself for symptoms and will take another PCR test in several days. The governor continues to encourage everyone to get vaccinated and receive their boosters in order to protect themselves and their loved ones.”

Some members of Lamont’s staff have been tested twice per week because they have been in close contact with him. By late December 2020, four staff members had already

tested positive.

Reiss was the first staffer in mid-November 2020, and a state trooper in Lamont’s security detail tested positive a few days later. Rob Blanchard, Lamont’s deputy spokesman at the time, tested positive in December 2020.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention defines close contact as being “within six feet of an infected person for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period” that can start two days before the person feels symptoms.

Since the pandemic started, Connecticut has reported 13.8 million tests

in a state of about 3.5 million people. Overall, 10,795 people have died in the state from the pandemic.

The positivity rate over the past seven days is 4.88%, based on the latest statistics from the Lamont administration.

Senate Republican leader Kevin Kelly of Stratford, who has sometimes clashed with Lamont over policies, said, “Whenever I hear that someone has COVID-19, I am always concerned. I hope Gov. Lamont gets the rest needed to make a full and healthy recovery.”

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History

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Lt. Gov. Susan Bysiewicz and West Hartford town council member Adrienne Billings-Smith were among the speakers at the early afternoon ceremony. In the audience were students, alumni and staff of the school that Gallaudet founded in 1817, the birthplace of deaf education in the nation.

Billings-Smith proclaimed Deaf Heritage Week in West Hartford and told the ASD community, “Continue to honor your past and build a better future for all of us.”

The school was launched in Hartford after local minister Gallaudet met his neighbor’s 9-year-old daughter, Alice Cogswell, who had lost her hearing after contracting meningitis. Gallaudet traveled to Europe to learn about deaf education, met educator Laurent Clerc in Paris and lured him to Hartford.

On April 15, 1817, Clerc, Gallaudet and Alice’s father, Mason Cogswell, opened the Connecticut Asylum at Hartford for the Instruction of Deaf and Dumb Persons inside the Old City Hotel at Main and Gold streets. The school soon outgrew the hotel and in 1821 moved to a site on Asylum Street. A century later, the school moved to its present site.

Gallaudet died in 1851, and the deaf community raised the money for the original monument, unveiled three years later.

An inscription in marble says, “Dedicated to the memory of Rev. Thomas Gallaudet ... by the deaf & dumb of the United States: As a testimonial of profound gratitude to their earliest & truest friend and benefactor.”



Audience members at the American School for the Deaf cheer as Lt. Gov. Susan Bysiewicz speaks during a ceremony unveiling a newly restored, 168-year-old monument honoring school founder Thomas Gallaudet. MARK MIRKO PHOTOS/HARTFORD COURANT

After the school moved to West Hartford, the monument ended up in pieces. Much of it was stored for decades in a stone worker’s barn.

In 1932, the marble relief panel showing Gallaudet with Alice Cogswell and other deaf children was restored and placed in the school lobby, and in 1954, remaining pieces were brought back to the West Hartford campus.

In 2016, the school, which serves students from elementary through high school, engaged conserva-

tor Francis Miller to assess the feasibility of restoring the monument. Three years later, after an alumna made a major donation, the alumni association decided to fund the restoration.

Much of the marble relief panel showing Gallaudet’s name in sign language was missing, so Steven Petersen, a deaf artist from Minnesota, was engaged to re-create the original panel. Landscape artist John Stewart of Plainville-based Loureiro Engineering Associates, designed the monument site.

As the audience gathered under a gray sky, the monument was wrapped in a giant white sheet that flapped in the wind. A man atop a scissors lift untied a cord wrapped around the capping orb and the sheet dropped. ASD Executive Director Jeffrey Bravin, who presided over the unveiling, declared, “This is a piece of our history that is now a part of our campus once again.”

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Hands spell the name of founder Thomas Gallaudet on the base of a 21-foot memorial unveiled Thursday at the American School for the Deaf.

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reach a final compromise.

The bill passed by 35-15 with only one Republican, Rep. Kathleen McCarty of Waterford, breaking with her party and voting with the Democrats for the measure.

Democrats said that important programs are being funded at a time when the state’s projected surplus is \$1.76 billion in the current fiscal year and more than \$1 billion next year. A huge influx of federal stimulus money and strong increases on Wall Street in recent years have helped lead to the largest “rainy day” fund in state history that could reach more than \$5 billion later this year if fiscal trends continue.

Republicans who voted against the budget said they were concerned about using one-time federal stimulus revenue for recurring, permanent state expenses. They said the federal money will run out, noting that the state is already looking at potential deficits of more than \$1 billion as soon as the 2024 fiscal year after the federal funding expires.

The committee approved a budget of \$24.164 billion — \$13 million less than Lamont’s proposal, which represents a 2.4% spending increase. Both proposals remain slightly below

the annual spending cap — a level established by both Republicans and Democrats in a bipartisan agreement in 2017.

The recommendations by the budget committee and a day earlier by the tax committee will essentially re-set the table for the final negotiations between Lamont and the legislature. The General Assembly is facing a deadline of May 4 for the regular session, and negotiators will be scrambling to finish the budget and various tax reductions before that date.

Sen. Cathy Osten, a Sprague Democrat, crafted much of the budget with Walker, her fellow co-chairwoman. She described the detailed document as “a COVID-relief budget” that provides funding for scores of departments and agencies.

“This is a good budget that uses public policy to address all of the issues that have affected Connecticut residents over the past two years of the COVID-19 pandemic,” Osten said. “We dealt with a variety of issues in this budget that are real in Connecticut and that are going to make people’s lives better.”

Some of the highlights cited by Osten include: ■ \$74 million for wage increases for child care employees ■ \$72 million for nonprofits who deliver services under

contracts with the state ■ \$15 million for renovations and new construction of childcare centers ■ \$14 million to help prevent domestic violence ■ \$12 million to help smokers quit ■ \$10 million to incentivize small businesses to buy electric vehicles ■ \$7 million to provide mental health services at 36 school-based health centers ■ \$2 million for Project Longevity to reduce gun and gang violence ■ \$2 million for the Secretary of the State in an attempt to reduce disinformation in elections ■ \$1.4 million for a manufacturing pipeline in eastern Connecticut help Electric Boat to fill needed positions in building submarines ■ \$1.25 million for a study of gambling ■ \$1 million to help resettle refugees in Connecticut ■ \$454,000 for five positions at the State Contracting Standards Board after opposition by Lamont

Walker, who co-chairs the committee with Osten, said legislators have been under pressure from a wide variety of constituencies who have been asking for more money. “Education funding — we’ve been told over and over again that it’s not enough,” Walker said. “We are in a very tight situation. It’s important to understand that helping people with federal dollars is the best

thing that we can do” in the short term. “We’re taking care of so many people. This becomes a hard task to balance to make sure that everybody gets covered.”

Lamont proposed \$1.825 billion for the once-troubled Special Transportation Fund that is now projecting a surplus, while the committee says spending should increase by \$646 million to \$1.826 billion for the next fiscal year.

Citing a growing need, the committee called for increased funding for 18 positions at domestic violence shelters across the state.

Education

Sen. Heather Somers, a Groton Republican, questioned why additional funding was not set aside for three new Alliance districts, which indicate Connecticut’s lowest-performing schools. Statewide, 33 communities are designated as Alliance districts, including Enfield, Plainfield, and Stratford that were recently placed on the state education department’s list. Three towns — Norwalk, Groton and Winchester — performed better and were taken off the list.

Lawmakers responded that Alliance is a classification that does not immediately guarantee increased funding, although it prevents any cuts under a

policy to maintain funding at least at current levels.

“It does protect you from losing any money,” said Sen. Doug McCrory, a Hartford Democrat and longtime educator.

Judges’ salaries

Rep. Cara Pavalock-D’Amato, a Bristol Republican, questioned a proposed one-time raise of 5% for judges, which would cost \$2.2 million in the next fiscal year.

“I hate to say this, having to go in front of them,” said Pavalock-D’Amato, an attorney. “I have a hard time with some of those numbers with the other things we’re trying to fund.”

Mixed reaction

Some advocacy groups were happy with the vote. Gian Carl Casa, president of a nonprofit alliance that provides services, says providers should receive an 8% increase after years of flat funding.

“In the face of enormous pressure to fund other line items while not exceeding the spending cap, the committee leadership heard the concerns of nonprofits and prioritized their needs,” he said. “We will work to protect these gains and advocate for an adopted budget that ensures providers of all types receive an eight percent increase to

help them survive rising costs, a workforce crisis and increasing demand for their services.”

AARP hailed the recommendations, saying they would help the elderly to remain in their homes if a frail spouse needs to enter a nursing home. That would be accomplished by increasing the minimum protected asset limit to \$50,000, up sharply from the current federal minimum of \$27,480.

The committee budget would also expand the Connecticut Home Care Program for Elders, which is designed to help the elderly to remain at home instead of going to a nursing home.

Others were not as pleased.

“We are disappointed that the appropriations committee has not proposed any increase in funding for the state’s five Independent Living Centers, despite supporting a wide range of other community-based nonprofits,” said Sharon Heddle, chairwoman of an association of centers. “With demand growing every year and stagnant funding since we were established in 1987, flat funding at \$766,000 per year limits our ability to serve the community.”

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WAR IN UKRAINE

# Urgency marks Ukraine’s latest plea

Arms sought ahead of Russia’s expected push in east region

By Adam Schreck and Andrea Rosa  
Associated Press

CHERNIHIV, Ukraine — Russian troops left behind crushed buildings, streets littered with destroyed cars and residents in dire need of food and other aid in a northern Ukrainian city, giving fuel to Kyiv’s calls Thursday for more Western support to help halt Moscow’s offensive before it refocuses on the country’s east.

Dozens of people lined up to receive loaves of bread, diapers and medicine from vans parked outside a shattered school serving as a distribution point in Chernihiv, which Russian forces besieged for weeks as part of their attempt to sweep south toward the capital before retreating.

The city’s streets are lined with shelled homes and apartment buildings, missing roofs or walls, and a chalk message on the blackboard in one classroom still reads: “Wednesday the 23rd of February class work.”

Russia invaded the next day, launching a war that has seen more than 4 million Ukrainians flee the country, displaced millions more within it, and sent shockwaves through Europe and beyond.

Ukrainian Foreign Minister Dmytro Kuleba warned Thursday that despite a recent Russian pullback, the country remains vulnerable, pleading for “weapons, weapons and weapons”



A motorcyclist on a shattered street Thursday in Chernihiv, where Russian troops recently withdrew. **EVGENIY MALOLETKA/AP**

from NATO to face down the coming offensive in the east. Nations from the Western alliance agreed to increase their supply of arms, spurred on by reports of atrocities by Russian forces in areas surrounding the capital, Kyiv.

Western allies also ramped up financial penalties aimed at Moscow, including a ban by the European Union on Russian coal imports and a U.S. move to suspend normal trade relations with Russia.

Kuleba encouraged Western countries to continue bearing down on Russia, suggesting that any let up will ultimately result in

more suffering for Ukrainians.

“How many Buchas have to take place for you to impose sanctions?” Kuleba asked reporters, referring to a town near Kyiv where Associated Press journalists counted dozens of bodies, some burned, others apparently shot at close range or with their hands bound. “How many children, women, men, have to die — innocent lives have to be lost — for you to understand that you cannot allow sanctions fatigue, as we cannot allow fighting fatigue?”

Ukrainian officials said this week that the bodies of 410 civilians were found

in towns around the capital city. Volunteers have spent days collecting the corpses, and more were picked up in Bucha on Thursday.

Ukrainian and several Western leaders have blamed the massacres on Moscow’s troops, and the weekly Der Spiegel reported Thursday that Germany’s foreign intelligence agency had intercepted radio messages between Russian soldiers discussing the killings of civilians.

Russia has falsely claimed that the scenes in Bucha were staged.

Kuleba became emotional while referring to the horrors in the town, telling

reporters that they couldn’t understand “how it feels after seeing pictures from Bucha, talking to people who escaped, knowing that the person you know was raped four days in a row.”

His comments came in response to a question about a video allegedly showing Ukrainian soldiers shooting a captured and wounded Russian soldier. He said he had not seen the video but that it would be investigated and acknowledged there could be “isolated incidents” of violations.

The video has not been independently verified by the AP.

In the 6-week-old war,

President Vladimir Putin’s forces have failed to take Ukraine’s capital quickly and achieve what Western countries said was the Russian leader’s initial aim of ousting the Ukrainian government. In the wake of that setback and heavy losses, Russia shifted its focus to the Donbas, a mostly Russian-speaking, industrial region in eastern Ukraine where Moscow-backed rebels have been fighting Ukrainian forces for eight years.

Martin Griffiths, the United Nations’ humanitarian chief, said Thursday that he’s “not optimistic” about securing a cease-fire after meeting with officials in Kyiv and in Moscow this week, underlining the lack of trust the two sides have for one another. He spoke hours after Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov accused Ukraine of backtracking on proposals it had made over Crimea and Ukraine’s military status.

It’s not clear how long it will take withdrawing Russian forces to redeploy, and Ukrainian officials have urged people in the country’s east to leave before the fighting intensifies there.

The head of Ukraine’s national railway system said Russian shelling already blocked the evacuation of residents from some eastern areas by train.

“The situation in Donbas is heating up and we understand that April will be quite hot, so those who have the opportunity to leave women, children, the elderly need to stay in a safe place,” Borys Filatov, the mayor of Dnipro, a city that lies just west of the Donbas, said at a briefing.

# Khashoggi murder trial shifting to Saudi Arabia

Rights group calls decision by Turkish court ‘scandalous’

By Ayse Wieting and Suzan Fraser  
Associated Press

ISTANBUL — A Turkish court decided Thursday to transfer the trial of 26 Saudis accused in the gruesome killing of Jamal Khashoggi to Saudi Arabia, raising fears that those responsible for the death of The Washington Post columnist won’t be brought to justice for a crime that drew international outrage.

The decision, which comes as Ankara is trying to repair relations with Saudi Arabia, was denounced as “scandalous” by a human rights group. It marked an abrupt reversal for Turkey, which had vowed to shed light on the killing and began prosecuting the defendants in absentia in 2020.

Khashoggi, a U.S. resident who wrote critically about Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, was killed Oct. 2, 2018, at the Saudi Consulate in Istanbul. He had gone into the consulate for an appointment to collect documents required for him to marry his Turkish fiancée, Hatice Cengiz, and

never came out.

Turkish officials alleged that Khashoggi was killed and dismembered with a bone saw inside the consulate by a team of Saudi agents sent to Istanbul. The group included a forensic doctor, intelligence and security officers, and individuals who worked for the crown prince’s office. His remains have not been found.

The Istanbul court’s decision comes despite warnings from human rights groups that turning the case over to the kingdom would lead to a cover-up of the killing, which has cast suspicion on the crown prince.

Last week, the prosecutor in the case recommended its transfer to the kingdom, arguing that the trial in Turkey would remain inconclusive. Turkey’s justice minister supported the recommendation, adding that the trial in Turkey would resume if the Istanbul court is not satisfied with the outcome in Saudi Arabia.

It was not clear if the kingdom, which has already put some of the defendants on trial behind closed doors, would open a new trial, and there was no immediate reaction from Riyadh to the decision.

At Thursday’s hearing, lawyers representing Cengiz

asked the court not to move the proceedings to Saudi Arabia, the private DHA news agency reported.

“Let’s not entrust the lamb to the wolf,” the agency quoted lawyer Ali Ceylan as telling the court.

But the court halted the trial in line with the Justice Ministry’s “positive opinion,” DHA reported.

It also decided to lift arrest warrants issued against the defendants and gave the sides seven days to lodge any opposition.

Saudi Arabia had rejected Turkey’s requests to extradite the defendants, who included two former aides of the prince.

Some of the men were put on trial in Riyadh behind closed doors. A Saudi court issued a final verdict in 2020 that sentenced five midlevel officials and operatives to 20-year jail terms. The court had originally ordered the death penalty, but reduced the punishment after Khashoggi’s son, Salah, who lives in Saudi Arabia, announced he forgave them. Three others were sentenced to lesser jail terms.

At the time of the killing, Turkey apparently had the Saudi Consulate bugged and shared audio of the killing with the CIA, among others.



Hatice Cengiz, the fiancée of murdered Saudi critic Jamal Khashoggi, vows to continue the fight Thursday outside a courthouse in Istanbul. He was killed in 2018. **OZAN KOSE/GETTY-APF**

The slaying sparked international condemnation.

Western intelligence agencies, as well as the U.S. Congress, said an operation of such magnitude could not have happened without the knowledge of the crown prince.

Human rights advocates had also urged Turkey not to transfer the case to Saudi Arabia, arguing that justice for Khashoggi would not be delivered by Saudi courts.

“It’s a scandalous decision,” said Emma Sinclair-Webb, the Turkey director for the New York-

based Human Rights Watch, asserting that the court had “rubber-stamped” a political decision that would allow the Turkish government to repair its ties with Saudi Arabia.

Cengiz said she would continue to seek justice.

“We will continue this (judicial) process with all the power given to me, as a Turkish citizen,” she told reporters outside the courthouse.

Turkey, which is in a deep economic downturn, has been trying to improve its strained relationship with

Saudi Arabia and an array of other countries in the region.

The move would pave the way to a resolution of disputes between the regional heavyweights since the 2011 Arab Spring, including Turkey’s support for Islamist movements like the Muslim Brotherhood, which Riyadh considers a terrorist group.

Turkey also sided with Qatar in a diplomatic dispute that saw Doha boycotted by Bahrain, Egypt, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates.



House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., “is fully vaccinated and boosted,” a spokesman says. **MARIAM ZUHAIB/AP**

# Pelosi met Biden day before testing positive for COVID-19

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — House Speaker Nancy Pelosi tested positive for COVID-19 on Thursday, a day after appearing unmasked at a White House event with President Joe Biden.

Pelosi, 82, received a positive test result and is asymptomatic, her spokesman Drew Hammill said Thursday in a tweet. He said she had tested negative earlier in the week.

“The speaker is fully

vaccinated and boosted, and is thankful for the robust protection the vaccine has provided,” Hammill said.

Pelosi, he said, will “quarantine consistent with CDC guidance, and encourages everyone to get vaccinated, boosted and test regularly.”

The White House said Biden and Pelosi had only “brief interactions over the course of the last two days” and that the president was not considered a close contact of the speaker by CDC guidance — sustained

unmasked contact within 6 feet for more than 15 minutes over a 24-hour period.

“Last night as a part of his regular testing cadence, the President tested negative,” the White House said in a statement. “He will continue to be tested regularly. The President wishes Speaker Pelosi a speedy recovery.”

Pelosi’s announcement came ahead of her weekly news appearance on Capitol Hill, which was called off. The House is set to start

a two-week spring recess.

Pelosi also postponed a planned congressional delegation trip to Asia that she was scheduled to lead.

Washington has experienced a rush of new COVID-19 cases as restrictions have lifted and more events and gatherings are happening across the city.

On Wednesday, Attorney General Merrick Garland and Commerce Secretary Gina Raimondo announced positive tests. The officials were among more than

a dozen attendees of the Saturday night Gridiron Club dinner to test positive for the virus. Pelosi did not attend the dinner, her spokesman said.

Several lawmakers have announced positive test results and are isolating.

The CDC says people vaccinated and boosted against COVID-19 are much less likely to suffer adverse outcomes, including serious illness and death, from the virus compared to those who are unvaccinated.

WORLD & NATION

Tracking Putin’s wealth proves to be difficult

By Mike McIntire  
The New York Times

Buried in a 421-page legal filing in an obscure court case is a single sentence, offered almost as an afterthought, about a meeting at a Geneva restaurant where two businessmen chatted about “a yacht which had been presented to Mr. Putin.”

The passing reference, cited in a 2010 judge’s decision in London on a financial dispute involving a shipping company, is the rare bit of public evidence directly linking President Vladimir Putin of Russia to any of the luxury boats, planes or villas associated with him over the years.

It has taken on new significance as U.S. and European authorities pursue the hidden wealth of Putin and people close to him in response to Russia’s invasion of Ukraine.

But the British court document also holds a clue to why it has been so hard to clearly connect the Russian president to his rumored riches.

The yacht, called the Olympia, was managed by a company in Cyprus, where corporation filings show that the true owner was not Putin — it was the Russian government.

It is one of many extravagant assets long speculated to be Putin’s that actually are owned or controlled by the state, showing how much the private interests of the president and his inner circle have merged with those of the government he has dominated for two decades. Others include a sprawling resort, a fleet of expensive automobiles, fancy planes and still more yachts.

The United States and its allies have created a multinational task force to track and seize assets of at least 50 wealthy Russians, including Putin, and announced rewards for information that helps in the effort.

But some analysts question whether it will have



Russian President Vladimir Putin attends a meeting Wednesday in Moscow. MIKHAIL KLIMENTYEV/KREMLIN POOL PHOTO

much effect on the Russian president, who has never been found to personally own much worth confiscating.

While there has been much media and public discussion that oligarchs and old Putin friends could be secretly holding valuable property on his behalf, or keeping his cash for him in offshore companies and Swiss bank accounts, many of his more obvious luxuries are embedded in state-owned enterprises and largely beyond the reach of Western sanctions.

Alina Polyakova, an expert on Russian foreign affairs who leads the Center for European Policy Analysis, said that because government resources and agencies were most likely used to shield at least some of his purported wealth, targeting Putin personally with sanctions was mainly symbolic.

“To get to him, as well, we’d have to sanction the

entire Russian government,” she said. “And, of course, there are reasons why Europe and the United States are not prepared to do so.”

Economically blocking the whole of the Russian state would mean, for instance, fully blacklisting Gazprom, one of the world’s largest energy companies and a major source of natural gas in Europe. The company has faced only limited sanctions aimed mainly at restricting its purchases of certain debt and equity, even as worldwide outrage grows over apparent Russian atrocities in Ukraine.

Yet Gazprom figures in any calculus of Putin’s possible wealth.

Though luxury real estate would seem to have little to do with its core mission, the state-run gas company built a plush hideaway that the Russian president enjoys in a mountainous region of Siberia.

Despite claims that the

project was not connected to the Kremlin, a report co-written by a former deputy prime minister and Putin critic, Boris Nemtsov, noted that the location was “being provided with security by the FSO” — the federal protective service assigned to the Russian president and other high-level officials.

The mountain resort was among 20 properties described in the 2012 report by Nemtsov as being available to Putin, along with dozens of luxury aircraft, four yachts and 11 wristwatches with a retail value of nearly \$700,000, all allegedly paid for with public funds.

Nemtsov was assassinated in 2015, shot in the back while crossing a bridge in view of the Kremlin.

Because of the efforts by the few independent news organizations operating in Russia before the recent crackdown on free speech, as well as opposition voices

like Nemtsov and Alexei Navalny, the notion that Putin is living large on the taxpayers’ dime is hardly a secret. The Kremlin has long denied that he lives beyond his means — officially, he collects a salary of about \$140,000 and has a small apartment in Moscow.

But his spokesperson told a Russian newspaper, in response to Nemtsov’s allegations, that the Russian president also uses state-owned residences and vehicles “in accordance with the law.”

The presence of Putin’s protective detail has been seen as a telltale sign of his hidden ties to various extravagances. Sergei Kolesnikov, a former business partner of a Putin ally, wrote an open letter in 2010 asserting that government funds had been diverted to help develop a \$1 billion estate on the Black Sea that became known as “Putin’s palace.”

An investigation released

last year by Navalny, the jailed opposition leader, found that the palace had been guarded by members of the federal protective service and that the internal security agency, the FSB, had at one point enforced a no-fly zone over it.

Most recently, Navalny’s team reported that it had linked crew members on a \$700 million superyacht to the same Kremlin protective detail, amid speculation that the vessel, whose ownership is obscured by offshore shell companies, was secretly used by Putin. The 459-foot yacht, named the Scheherazade, has two helicopter pads and is topped with a cluster of satellite domes. It is currently dry-docked in Italy.

“If the owner of the yacht cannot be identified — it’s some offshore company from the Marshall Islands — then we will try to establish who works on it and who pays them salaries,” Maria Pevchikh, a member of Navalny’s team, said in a video describing the investigation.

The New York Times, which first reported that American officials had indications the yacht could be tied to Putin, has not been able to independently confirm the Navalny team’s findings about the crew’s security connections, and American officials declined to specify what information they had that could pierce the veil of corporate secrecy surrounding the vessel’s offshore ownership.

Indeed, many jurisdictions traditionally have offered not only tax advantages to managing assets through offshore shells but also corporation registries that make it difficult, if not impossible, to publicly identify the ultimate owners. It is primarily through leaks from law firms specializing in these services that wealthy Russians have been discovered to be frequent clients.

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WORLD & NATION

For evacuees, a time of agony, thanks

Afghans worry about homeland, observe 1st Ramadan in US

By Giovanna Dell’Orto and Mariam Fam  
Associated Press

LAS CRUCES, New Mexico — Sitting cross-legged on the floor as his wife and six children laid plates of fruit on a red cloth in front of him, Wolayat Khan Samadzoi watched through the open balcony door for the sliver of new moon to appear in the cloudless New Mexico sky.

Then, munching on a date, the bushy-bearded former Afghan soldier broke his first Ramadan fast in the United States — far from the Taliban threat, but also the three dozen relatives he would be marking the start of the Muslim holy month with if he was still home in Khost, Afghanistan.

A few minutes after naan was dipped into bowls of stewed okra and beans, Samadzoi, his wife and the two oldest children retired to worship on their prayer rugs. On Saturday evening, the two-bedroom apartment filled with the murmurs of their invocations.

“I pray for them, and they pray for me, they miss me,” he said of his relatives back home. His cousin Noor Rahman Faqir, who is also now in Las Cruces, translated from Pashto to the simple English he learned working with American forces in Afghanistan.

As they adjust to their new communities, Afghan families evacuated to the United States as the Taliban regained power last summer are celebrating Ramadan with gratitude for their safety. Yet there’s also the agony of being away from loved ones who they fear are in danger under a leadership crafting increasingly repressive orders.

From metropolitan areas with flourishing Afghan dias-



Preparing to celebrate Ramadan for the first time in the U.S., Khial Mohammad Sultani and his family are seen March 26 in a hotel room in El Paso, Texas. They escaped from Afghanistan amid a chaotic withdrawal last August. GIOVANNA DELL’ORTO/AP

poras to this desert university community less than 40 miles from the Mexican border, tens of thousands of newly arrived Afghans share one predominant concern that’s amplified in what should be a celebratory time: With only temporary immigration status and low-paying jobs, they feel helpless to take care of their families here and back home.

Abdul Amir Qarizada repeats several times the exact moment, 4:30 p.m., when he was ordered to take off from Kabul’s airport during the chaos of the evacuation — with no time to get his wife and five children, who are still in Afghanistan.

“My concern is the aircraft is safe, but my family is not safe,” the former flight engineer says after Friday prayer at Las Cruces’ only mosque, where he goes by bike to find some “peace.”

So does Qais Sharifi, 28, who says he can’t sleep with

worry for his kids left behind, including a daughter born two months after he fled Afghanistan alone.

Both men break into smiles when the mosque’s education director, Rajaa Shindi, an Iraqi-born professor at New Mexico State University, invites them to register for the free iftar dinners held nightly in the meeting hall decorated with gold balloons spelling “Ramadan kareem” — an Arabic greeting often used to wish people a happy Ramadan.

Local congregations like the mosque and El Calvario United Methodist Church in Las Cruces, as well as the Jewish and Christian-based organizations that resettle refugees across their national networks, have been helping Afghans.

They decry that most displaced Afghan families don’t have permanent legal status in the United States, despite their services for the

U.S. government, military or their Afghan allies during the post-9/11 Afghanistan war. That would give them access to many government benefits and an easier path to work and family reunification.

While Afghanistan’s decades of war and current food shortage mean far less extravagant feasts than in many countries where Ramadan is celebrated, the familiar tastes of home are top of mind for many displaced this year. Qarizada recalls his mother’s signature festive dish of bolani, a stuffed fried bread like a giant samosa.

The mother of Shirkhan Nejat still cries every time the 27-year-old makes a WhatsApp video call home from Oklahoma City, where he was resettled with his wife and the couple’s baby was born. Missing his close-knit extended family at Ramadan brings “bad emotions,” Nejat

said, despite his gratitude for being safe.

It’s such bonds, the warmth of large family gatherings around the iftar meal and the cacophony of familiar sights, sounds and smells marking the end of a day’s fast that many are yearning for in America.

In Texas, Dawood Formuli misses his family’s typical pre-iftar routine: His hungry father irritably asking for his food. His mother asking her husband to calm down, and Formuli, 34, telling a joke to lighten the mood and make his father laugh. His children, in another room with their many cousins, sometimes playing, sometimes fighting. “Allahu akbar,” the call to prayer, from a nearby mosque.

“Every day, it’s like Christmas,” the former translator at the U.S. Embassy in Kabul said of past Ramadans in the three-story house his family used to share with his

parents, siblings and their families.

The transition has been especially hard for his pregnant wife, who is still learning English. Yet there are traces of the familiar in their new community: Muslim neighbors, mosques for special Ramadan prayers and halal food markets.

Khial Mohammad Sultani, who the day before Ramadan was still living in an extended stay motel on the outskirts of El Paso, Texas, had to ride nearly 80 miles round trip into New Mexico in a taxi to go buy and slaughter a lamb for Ramadan.

The 37-year-old former soldier, his wife, Noor Bibi, and their six children broke the second day’s fast with pieces of that lamb stewed in an aromatic sauce around the one table in their duplex, newly built on a barren foothills lot unlike their house in Gardez, with its apple and pomegranate trees.

Right after iftar, four of the children got ready for their first day of school the next morning, another new thrill for their parents who never received a formal education.

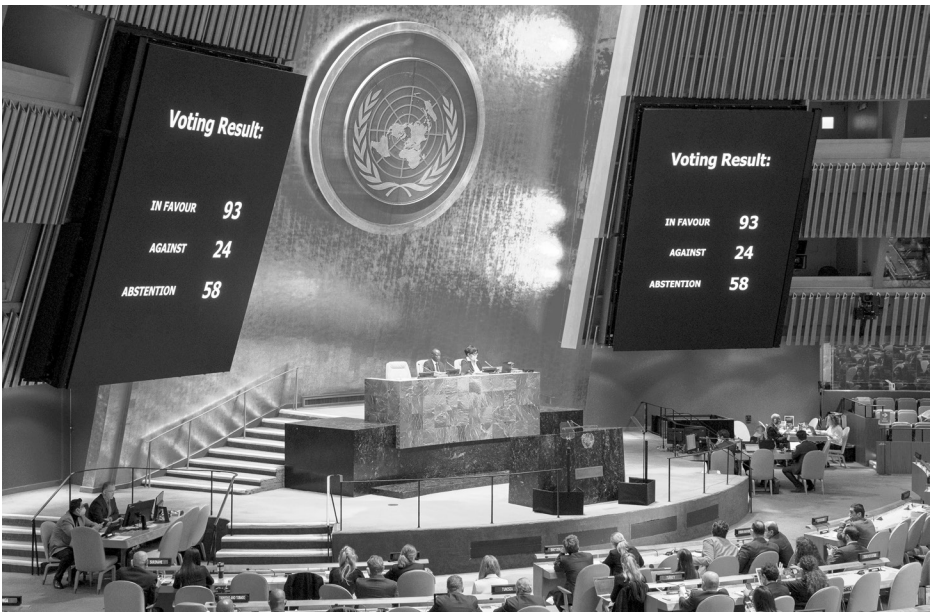
But when it comes to faith, Sultani will continue to teach his children at home, as his father did for him.

The three oldest children — a boy, 11, and two girls, 9 and 8, with red headscarves loosely arranged over their long braids — pray in turn on a green rug that is among the family’s most treasured possessions.

The family’s Quran came from the military base in New Jersey where they first landed in the United States. But Sultani’s father brought this rug from his pilgrimage at Mecca after another son was killed by the Taliban, a possible fate they escaped, crossing many checkpoints as they fled Afghanistan last summer.

“We are Muslim, and a part of our faith is to thank Allah for everything,” Sultani says in Dari through a volunteer translator.

WAR IN UKRAINE



The U.N. General Assembly voted 93-24 with 58 abstentions to suspend Russia from its Human Rights Council following allegations of violations in Ukraine. JOHN MINCHILLO/AP

UN votes to remove Russia from Human Rights Council

By Edith M. Lederer and Jennifer Peltz  
Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS — The U.N. General Assembly voted Thursday to suspend Russia from the world organization’s leading human rights body over allegations of horrific rights violations by Russian soldiers in Ukraine, which the United States and Ukraine have called tantamount to war crimes.

It was a rare, if not unprecedented rebuke against one of the five veto-wielding members of the U.N. Security Council.

The vote on the U.S.-initiated resolution was 93-24 with 58 abstentions, significantly lower than the vote on two resolutions the assembly adopted last month demanding an immediate cease-fire in Ukraine, withdrawal of all Russian troops and protection for civilians. Both of those resolutions were approved by at least 140 nations.

Russia’s deputy ambassador, Gennady Kuzmin, announced after the vote

that Russia withdrew from the Human Rights Council earlier Thursday, before the assembly took action, apparently in expectation of the result. He accused the council of being monopolized by a group of countries with “short-term political and economic interests” that he accused of “blatant and massive violations of human rights.”

The Geneva-based Human Rights Council is tasked with spotlighting and approving investigations of rights violations. And it does periodic reviews of the human rights situation in all 193 U.N. member nations.

The 47-member council was created in 2006 to replace a commission discredited because of some members’ poor rights records. The new council soon faced similar criticism, including that rights abusers sought seats to protect themselves and their allies, and for focusing on Israel.

Along with Russia, the other permanent members of the U.N. Security Council — Britain, China, France and the United States,

which rejoined this year — have seats on the Human Rights Council. Other members with questioned rights records include China, Eritrea, Libya, Sudan and Venezuela.

U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken said when the U.S. was elected to the council last year that it has an important role in “documenting atrocities in order to hold wrongdoers accountable.” And he said the United States and other countries “must push back against attempts to subvert the ideals upon which the Human Rights Council was founded.”

U.S. Ambassador Linda Thomas-Greenfield launched the campaign to suspend Russia from its seat on the council in the wake of videos and photos of streets in the town of Bucha, Ukraine, strewn with corpses of what appeared to be civilians after Russian soldiers retreated. The deaths have sparked global revulsion and calls for tougher sanctions on Russia, which has denied its troops were responsible.

WAR IN UKRAINE

Lawmakers suspend Russia trade status, enact ban on oil

By Kevin Freking  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Congress voted overwhelmingly Thursday to suspend normal trade relations with Russia and ban the importation of its oil, ratcheting up the U.S. response to Russia’s invasion of Ukraine amid reports of atrocities.

The House action came after the Senate approved the two bills with 100-0 votes. The measures now go to President Joe Biden to be signed into law.

Lawmakers support the substance of the two bills, but they had languished for weeks in the Senate as lawmakers worked to hammer out the final details.

Biden has already taken executive action to ban Russian oil, liquefied natural gas and coal to the United States. The legislation puts the effort into law.

European Union nations have agreed to ban Russian coal in the first sanctions on the energy industry over the war in Ukraine, but it has underlined the 27 countries’ inability to agree so far on a more sweeping embargo on oil and natural gas that would hit Russia harder but risk recession at home.

Thursday’s bill to end normal trade relations with Russia paves the way for Biden to enact higher tariffs on various imports, such as certain steel and aluminum products, further weakening the Russian economy under President Vladimir Putin. It also ensures Belarus receives less favorable tariff treatment.

Rep. Richard Neal, D-Mass., said it was important to take action because Ukrainians were being slaughtered even as lawmakers were meeting.

“We have no time to waste and must immediately further punish Vladimir Putin,” Neal said. “What we have witnessed in Bucha



Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer on Thursday described images coming from Ukraine amid its war with Russia as “pure, pure evil.” J. SCOTT APPLEWHITE/AP

over the course of the last 72 hours alone more than justifies the positions we have taken in the past and to be more assertive and aggressive going into the future.”

Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., announced late Wednesday a breakthrough in negotiations to bring the bills up for votes before lawmakers travel back to their home states and congressional districts for two weeks. Some lawmakers said that the failure to take final action on the bills was sending the wrong message to allies and to Russia.

“Now, I wish this could have happened sooner, but after weeks of talks with the other side, it’s important that we have found a path forward,” Schumer said.

Schumer described the images coming out of Ukraine as the war drags as “pure, pure evil. Hundreds of civilians murdered in cold blood.”

“No nation whose military is committing war crimes deserves free trade status with the United States,” Schumer said.

While there was overwhelming support for suspending preferential trade treatment for Russia, Sen. Rand Paul, R-Ky.,

blocked speedy consideration of the bill over concerns that its language on who can be sanctioned for human rights abuses is too broad, leaving it ripe for abuse. A few other Republicans had voiced similar concerns.

Schumer opted to let senators work behind the scenes on language that lawmakers from both parties and the White House could accept rather than chew up floor time to overcome the filibuster.

The bills also provides the president with the authority to return normal tariff treatment for Russia as well as resume trade in Russian energy products subject to certain conditions.

While Russian oil makes up only a small part of U.S. imports, it carries a high price for lawmakers in Congress who viewed the ban as a moral test in blocking an economic lifeline for Putin’s regime.

The House votes were not unanimous as they were in the Senate, but the no votes were scarce. The bill suspending Russia’s preferential trade status passed by a vote of 420-3. The bill banning Russia energy imports passed by a vote of 413-9.

## WORLD & NATION

## NEWS BRIEFING

# House panel: Justice Dept. is 'obstructing' Trump records probe

## From news services

WASHINGTON — A congressional oversight committee Thursday said the Justice Department is “obstructing” its investigation into former President Donald Trump’s handling of White House records by preventing the release of information from the National Archives.

The House Committee on Oversight and Reform sent a letter to Attorney General Merrick Garland accusing the Justice Department of impeding the panel's expanded investigation into the 15 boxes of White House records that Trump took to his Mar-a-Lago residence in Florida after leaving office last year. The Archives in February revealed it had found classified material in the boxes and referred the matter to the Justice Department.

The letter from Rep. Carolyn Maloney, D-N.Y., chairwoman of the Oversight Committee, outlines communications between the committee and the National Archives that took place between February to late March.

In those letters, Maloney made a series of requests for information she said the committee needs to determine if Trump violated federal records laws over his handling of sensitive and even classified information. In response, the general counsel for the archivist wrote on March 28 that “based on our consultation with the Department of Justice, we are unable to provide any comment.”

"By blocking NARA from producing the documents requested by the Committee, the Department is obstructing the Committee's investigation," Maloney wrote in the letter released Thursday.

Maloney added that while the committee is not looking to interfere with the department's ongoing investigation, lawmakers have not received any explanation as to why the department is preventing the archivist from providing information about the boxes' contents.

**Trump legal troubles:** Manhattan District Attorney Alvin Bragg said Thursday that a criminal investigation into former President Donald Trump and his business practices is continuing “without fear or favor” despite a recent shake-up in the probe’s leadership.

In a rare public statement, Bragg denied that the three-year investigation was winding down or that a grand jury term expiring this month would impede his office's ability to bring charges. Citing secrecy rules, Bragg said he couldn't discuss details of the probe but pledged to publicly disclose findings when it's over.

Bragg's statement marked his first public comment on the investigation since the two men who had been leading it, Mark Pomerantz and Carey Dunne, resigned Feb. 23 in a dispute over the direction of the case.

Pomerantz, a former mafia prosecutor, wrote in a resignation letter that he believed Trump is “guilty of numerous felony violations.”

Bragg's affirmation of the investigation was part of a double dose of bad legal news for Trump on Thursday.

It came shortly after the office of New York Attorney General Letitia James asked a judge to hold Trump in contempt and fine him \$10,000 per day for not meeting a March 31 deadline to turn over documents in a parallel civil investigation.



**Israel shooting:** Israeli forces patrol near the scene of a shooting attack Thursday in Tel Aviv. Israeli officials said an attacker opened fire in a crowded restaurant district, killing at least two people. Police said there were “indications” of a terrorist attack, but no one immediately claimed responsibility. Assaultants have killed 11 Israelis in a series of recent attacks. **ARIEL SCHALIT/AP**

Trump is appealing a subpoena for his testimony in that investigation, but not one requiring him to provide documents.

**Vaccine mandate upheld:** President Joe Biden's requirement that all federal employees be vaccinated against COVID-19 was upheld Thursday by a federal appeals court.

In a 2-1 ruling, a panel of the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals reversed a lower court and ordered dismissal of a lawsuit challenging the mandate.

The ruling, a rare win for the administration at the New Orleans-based appellate court, said that the federal judge didn't have jurisdiction in the case and those challenging the requirement could have pursued administrative remedies under Civil Service law.

Biden issued an executive order Sept. 9 ordering vaccinations for all executive branch agency employees, with exceptions for medical and religious reasons.

**Africa infections:** The World Health Organization said that up to 65% of people in Africa have been infected with the coronavirus and estimates the number of actual cases may have been nearly 100 times more than those reported.

In an analysis released Thursday, the U.N. health agency reviewed 151 studies of COVID-19 in Africa based on blood samples taken from people on the continent between January 2020 and December 2021.

WHO said that by last September, about 65% of people tested had some exposure to COVID-19, translating into about 800 million infections. In contrast, only about 8 million cases had been officially reported to WHO during that time period.

Despite repeated warnings from the WHO that the coronavirus would devastate Africa, the continent has been among the least affected by the pandemic. To date, Africa has reported 11.5 million COVID-19 cases and more than 250,000 deaths.

**Puerto Rico power outage:** More than 1 million customers in Puerto Rico remained without electricity Thursday after a fire at a main power plant caused the biggest blackout this year across the U.S. territory.

The blackout also left nearly 170,000 customers without water, forced authorities to close some main roads and snarled traffic elsewhere across the island of 3.2 million people.

Frustration and anger grew throughout the day as officials warned the outage could stretch into Friday.

“No one can say exactly when” power would be fully restored, said Kevin Acevedo, a vice president of Luma, the company that took over transmission and distribution from Puerto Rico’s Electric Power Authority last year.

As of early Thursday night, crews had restored power to some 500,000 customers out of 1.5 million.

## Girl Scouts' suit tossed:

A federal judge Thursday rejected Girl Scouts' claims

that the Boy Scouts created marketplace confusion and damaged their recruitment efforts by using words like “scouts” and “scouting” in recruitment drives.

Manhattan Judge Alvin Hellerstein ruled that the Boy Scouts of America can describe their activities as “scouting” without referring to gender and that the matter does not need to be put to a jury.

Hellerstein said his written decision caps a "serious, contentious and expensive" litigation and necessitates dismissal of the lawsuit brought by the Girls Scouts of the United States of America.

The lawsuit was filed in 2018, a year after the Boy Scouts announced that boy scouting and cub scouting would be open to girls, leading the organizations to compete for members after social trends and a rise in sports league participation drove down membership for decades.

The pattern worsened when the COVID-19 pandemic hit in 2020.

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BUSINESS

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Meta: Russian invasion is driving disinformation

New cases of domestic falsehoods also reported in countries around the world

By David Klepper  
Associated Press

Hackers aligned with Russia broke into the social media accounts of dozens of Ukrainian military officers and were working to upload videos of defeated and surrendering Ukrainian soldiers when the plot was disrupted, according to a report Thursday from Meta that details a troubling increase in social media disinformation this year.

The report from the owner of Facebook and Instagram found a surge in content linked to Russia’s invasion of Ukraine as well as new cases of domestic disinformation and propaganda in countries around the world, suggesting that tactics pioneered by foreign intelligence agencies are now being used more widely.

“While much of the public attention in recent years has been focused on foreign interference, domestic threats are on the rise globally,” said Nick Clegg, Meta’s president for global affairs and a former British deputy prime minister.

Russia and its allies are major players, according to the report, with groups linked to the Kremlin spreading disinformation about its invasion of Ukraine while amplifying pro-Russian conspiracy theories at home.

Meta traced the effort to take over the social media accounts of dozens of Ukrainian military leaders back to a shadowy hacker organization known as Ghostwriter, which previous research has linked to Belarus, a Russian ally. Ghostwriter has a history of spreading content critical of NATO, and also has tried to hack email accounts.

“This is a tried-and-true thing that they do,” said Ben Read, director of cyberespionage analysis at Mandiant, a prominent U.S. cybersecurity firm that has tracked Ghostwriter’s activities for years. Last year Mandiant said digital clues suggested the hackers were based in Belarus, though EU officials have previously blamed Russia.

Belarus and Russia have not responded to the claims.

The report outlined other disinformation

efforts tied to Russia’s invasion of Ukraine, including one involving dozens of fake accounts that spread anti-Ukrainian rhetoric. Another network filed thousands of fake complaints about Ukrainian Facebook users in an effort to get them kicked off the platform. That network hid its activities in a Facebook group supposedly dedicated to cooking.

Within Russia, the Kremlin has blocked hundreds of news sources and websites, including Facebook and Twitter, and threatened jail time to anyone who tries to report on the war. In the place of accurate journalism, the state-controlled media have pumped out discredited conspiracy theories about Ukrainian Nazis or secret U.S. bioweapon labs.

Meta and other big tech companies have responded by removing or restricting Russian state-run media, by targeting disinformation networks and by labeling content it does not remove.

Twitter this week announced it would also label state-controlled media from Belarus.

Treasury urges more regulation of crypto

By Fatima Hussein  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen says more government regulation is needed to police the proliferation of cryptocurrency and ward off fraudulent or illicit transactions.

One potential upside is that users would get documentation of their crypto dealings for use in filing their taxes.

“Taxpayers should receive the same type of tax reporting on digital asset transactions that they receive for transactions in stocks and bonds, so that they have the information they need to report their income to the IRS,” Yellen said Thursday at American University.

It was Yellen’s first speech about cryptocurrency since President Joe Biden signed an executive order on digital assets in March.

The administration’s action follows several high-profile examples of alleged cryptocurrency laundering and fraud.

In February, the Justice Department announced its largest-ever financial seizure — more than \$3.6 billion — and the arrests of a couple accused of conspiring to launder billions of dollars in cryptocurrency stolen in the 2016 hack of a virtual currency exchange.

In March, federal regulators accused two siblings of defrauding thousands of investors out of \$124 million in unregistered securities offerings involving a digital token.

“We will make policy recommendations, including assessment of potential regulatory actions and legislative changes,” Yellen said.

Her speech centered on the importance of reducing digital currencies’ risks to the financial system, along with maintaining the international prominence of the U.S. dollar.

Surveys show that roughly 16% of adult Americans — or 40 million people — have invested in cryptocurrencies.

BUSINESS BRIEFING

Walmart seeks drivers in-house

NEW YORK — Walmart workers who once unloaded trucks now have a chance to drive them.

The nation’s largest retailer has launched a training program that gives employees who work in its distribution or fulfillment centers a chance to become certified Walmart truck drivers through a 12-week program taught by the company’s established drivers.

Walmart, based in Bentonville, Arkansas, also said it is raising pay for its 12,000 truck drivers. The starting range for new drivers will now be between \$95,000 and \$110,000. The retailer said that \$87,500 had been the average for new truck drivers.

The moves announced Thursday come as the pandemic has made trucker shortages more severe.

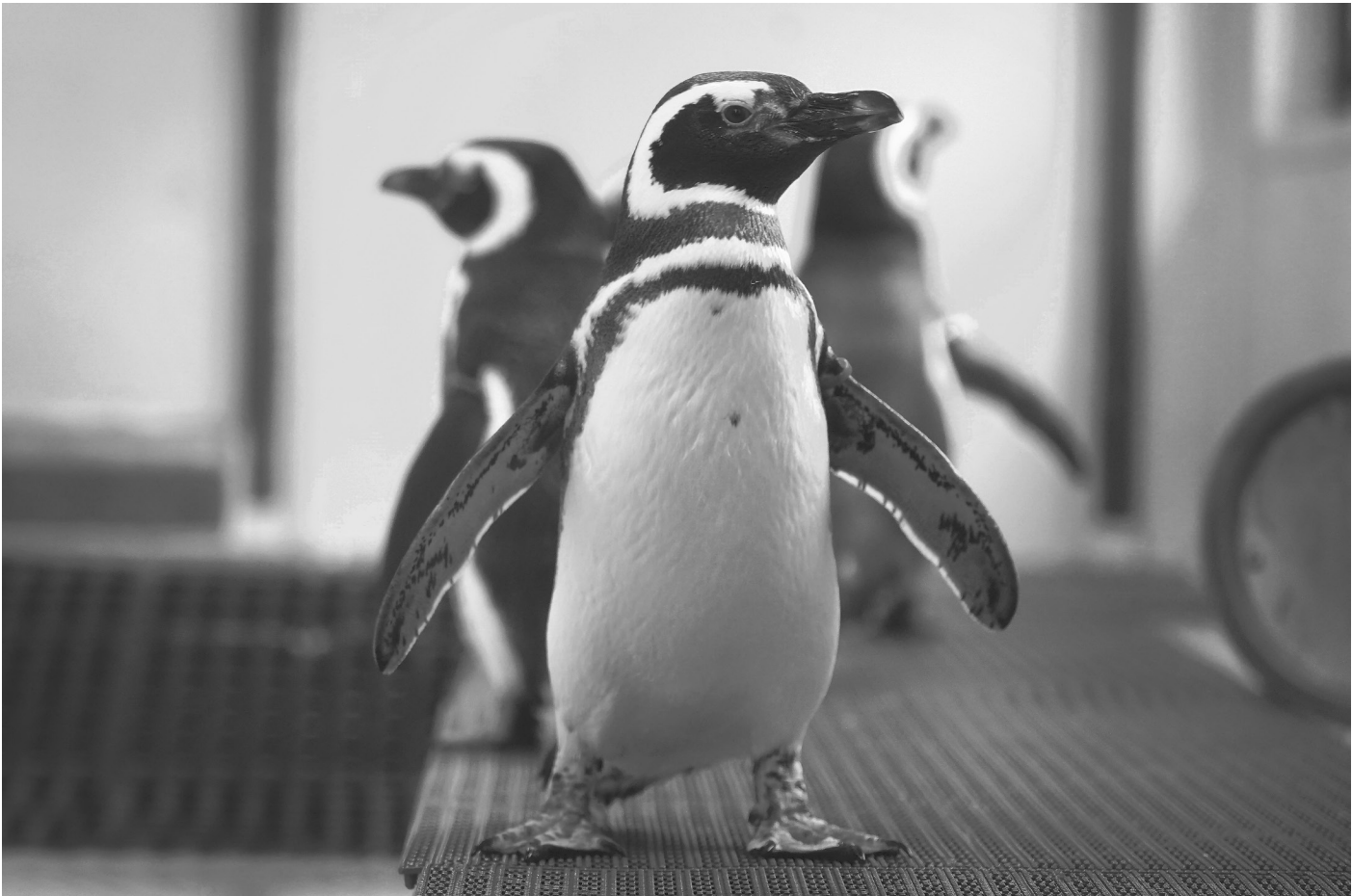
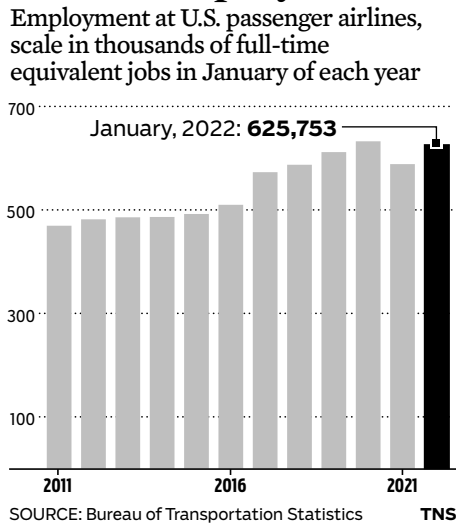
Shell says Russia exit has cost \$5B

LONDON — Shell says its decision to pull out of Russia in response to the country’s invasion of Ukraine has already cost the international energy giant as much as \$5 billion.

The reduced value of Russian assets, credit losses and “onerous” contract terms will cut earnings for the first three months of the year by \$4 billion to \$5 billion, London-based Shell said Thursday.

Shell said last month that it was “appalled” by the invasion of Ukraine as it announced plans to exit joint ventures with Russian state-owned energy company Gazprom. Those assets alone were valued at about \$3 billion at the end of last year, according to Shell’s annual report. The company later said it would stop buying Russian oil.

Airline employment



Magellanic penguins are seen in their enclosure Tuesday at the Blank Park Zoo in Des Moines, Iowa. CHARLIE NEIBERGALL/AP

Avian flu puts strain on zoos

To protect birds, staffs across North America move them indoors and away from people

By Josh Funk  
Associated Press

OMAHA, Neb. — Zoos across North America are moving their birds indoors and away from people and wildlife as they try to protect them from the highly contagious and potentially deadly avian influenza.

Penguins may be the only birds visitors to many zoos can see right now, because they already are kept inside and usually protected behind glass in their exhibits, making it harder for the bird flu to reach them.

Nearly 23 million chickens and turkeys have been killed across the United States to limit the spread of the virus, and zoos are working hard to prevent any of their birds from meeting the same fate. It would be especially upsetting for zoos to have to kill any of the endangered or threatened species in their care.

“It would be extremely devastating,” said Maria Franke, who is the manager of welfare science at Toronto Zoo, which has

less than two dozen Loggerhead Shrike songbirds that it’s breeding with the hope of reintroducing them into the wild. “We take amazing care and the welfare and well being of our animals is the utmost importance. There’s a lot of staff that has close connections with the animals that they care for here at the zoo.”

Toronto Zoo workers are adding roofs to some outdoor bird exhibits and double-checking the mesh surrounding enclosures to ensure it will keep wild birds out.

Birds shed the virus through their droppings and nasal discharge. Experts say it can be spread through contaminated equipment, clothing, boots and vehicles carrying supplies. Research has shown that small birds that squeeze into zoo exhibits or buildings can also spread the flu, and that mice can even track it inside.

So far, no outbreaks have been reported at zoos, but there have been wild birds found dead that had the flu. For example, a wild duck that died in a behind-the-scenes area of the Blank Park Zoo in Des Moines, Iowa, after tornadoes last month tested positive, zoo spokesman Ryan Bickel said.

Most of the steps zoos are taking are designed to prevent contact between wild

birds and zoo animals. In some places, officials are requiring employees to change into clean boots and don protective gear before entering bird areas.

When bird flu cases are found in poultry, officials order the entire flock to be killed because the virus is so contagious. However, the U.S. Department of Agriculture has indicated that zoos might be able to avoid that by isolating infected birds and possibly euthanizing a small number of them.

Sarah Woodhouse, director of animal health at Omaha’s Henry Doorly Zoo and Aquarium, said she is optimistic after talking with state and federal regulators.

“They all agree that ordering us to depopulate a large part of our collection would be the absolute last-ditch effort. So they’re really interested in working with us to see what we can do to make sure that we’re not going to spread the disease while also being able to take care of our birds and not have to euthanize,” Woodhouse said.

Among the precautions zoos are taking is to keep birds in smaller groups so that if a case is found, only a few would be affected. The USDA and state veterinarians would make the final decision about which birds had to be killed.

Advocates push FTC to probe gun industry

By Ephrat Livni  
The New York Times

Gun control advocates are petitioning the Federal Trade Commission to investigate and regulate the firearms industry as it has with tobacco, accusing gun manufacturers of deceptive advertising practices.

Thursday’s petition is the latest salvo aimed at the marketing tactics of an industry that has largely been protected from liability for the harms of its products because of federal laws. The groups urging action by the FTC include Brady, the Giffords Law Center, March for Our Lives and the FACT Coalition.

“Like the tobacco industry, the gun industry has been able to successfully manipulate

the American public into believing that its lethal product is safe through decades of unfair and deceptive advertising,” the petitioners said.

Advocates have asked the FTC to investigate the gun industry before, starting in 1996. The FTC can choose to address or ignore this latest petition, which comes as the Biden administration has expressed support for more transparency on gun manufacturers’ operations and state-level lawsuits have begun to break through the industry’s barriers to litigation.

In February, the families of the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting victims settled a lawsuit for \$73 million against Remington that accused the gun-maker of violating Connecticut law by promoting

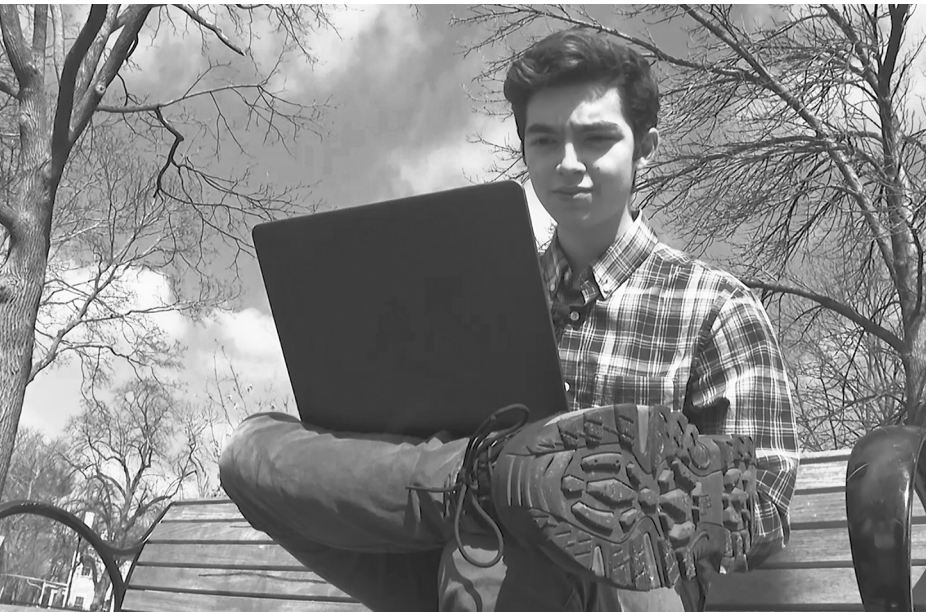
guns to troubled men like the one responsible for the massacre.

The settlement opens internal company documents to scrutiny, which would offer a rare view into what gun manufacturers say or know about their products behind closed doors.

President Joe Biden described the settlement as a step in “the necessary work of holding gun manufacturers accountable for manufacturing weapons of war and irresponsibly marketing these firearms.”

Other states are adopting legislation that would pave the way to pursue such cases. The FTC is charged with enforcing the federal equivalent of the consumer protection law in Connecticut that allowed for the Sandy Hook families to sue.

BUSINESS



Marco Burstein, above, and Harvard classmate Avi Schiffman created a website that matches refugees fleeing Ukraine with people willing to host them. **RODRIQUE NGOWI/AP**

Students’ website helps link Ukraine refugees with hosts

By Rodrique Ngowi  
Associated Press

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. — Two Harvard University freshmen have launched a website designed to connect people fleeing Ukraine to those in safer countries willing to take them in — and it’s generating offers of help and housing worldwide.

Moved by the plight of Ukrainian refugees desperate to escape Russian bombardment, Marco Burstein, 18, of Los Angeles, and Avi Schiffman, 19, of Seattle, used their coding skills to create Ukraine-TakeShelter.com over three days in early March.

Since then, more than 18,000 prospective hosts have signed up on the site to offer assistance to refugees seeking matches with hosts in their preferred or convenient locations.

On a recent day, Burstein and Schiffman logged 800,000 users.

“We’ve heard all sorts of amazing stories of hosts and refugees getting connected all over the world,” Burstein said. “We have hosts in almost any country you can imagine from Hungary

and Romania and Poland to Canada to Australia. And we’ve been really blown away by the response.”

Six weeks into the invasion that has left thousands dead on both sides, the number of Ukrainians fleeing the country topped 4 million, half of them children, according to the United Nations.

Schiffman, who’s been taking a semester off to work on several projects, said from Miami he was inspired to use his internet activism to help after attending a pro-Ukraine rally in San Diego.

“I felt that I could really do something on a more global scale here,” he said. “Ukraine Take Shelter puts the power back into the hands of the refugee.”

Among those who have taken in refugees through the website is Rickard Mijarov, a resident of the southwestern Swedish city of Linköping who’s sharing his home with 45-year-old Ukrainian evacuee Oksana Frantseva, her 18-year-old daughter and their cat.

Mijarov and his wife signed up at an embassy indicating they’d help, but then stumbled upon the

Harvard students’ site and registered there as well.

“The next morning, I had a message from Oksana asking if we had place for them,” he said via Zoom.

“I was surprised how quickly Rickard answered to me,” Frantseva said in halting English.

Five days later, she, her daughter and their pet were at the front door.

Burstein and Schiffman designed the platform with combat refugees’ particular concerns in mind. They worked to make it as easy to use as possible so someone in immediate danger can enter their location and see the offers of help that are closest to them.

On the hosting side, they also gave prospective hosts the opportunity to indicate what languages they speak; how many refugees they can accommodate; and any restrictions on taking in young children or pets.

To help avoid human trafficking and other hazards refugees face, the platform encourages evacuees to ask hosts to provide their full names and social media profiles, and request a video call to show what accommodations they’re offering.

Airline brings back program to ease skittish, autistic flyers

By Kyle Arnold  
The Dallas Morning News

Janet Diorio, of Plano, Texas, has been dreaming about a trip to California or Florida, but she has been too nervous to fly for years.

Not afraid of flying, per se. She worries about the ordeal it could create for her 8-year-old daughter Caroline, who has autism.

Diorio, along with her husband and Caroline’s twin brother, Ryan, got a dry run last weekend at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport, as American Airlines restarted a program that the COVID-19 pandemic put on a two-year pause.



American Airlines has brought back a program targeted toward a group of flyers who want practice with the travel experience. **SMILEY N. POOL/THE DALLAS MORNING NEWS**

The “It’s Cool to Fly American Airlines” program is targeted toward flyers who want practice with the travel experience.

“I want to go on vacation, but I thought, ‘How am I going to get my daughter on a plane?’” Diorio said. “Is she going to sit in her seat? Is she going to run up and down the aisles?”

Airports and air travel are often stressful for everyone and the pandemic has put a microscope on how challenging it can be, with a sharp spike in unruly passenger reports and airline operation meltdowns that lead to delays and cancellations, sometimes resulting in more angry passengers.

American started the program in 2014, letting potential passengers board a plane that even taxis around the airport’s runway for about 30 minutes. Pilots power up the engine to let them feel the roar and feel the thrust of takeoff.

Bruce Sickler, who runs the program for American, said the company has hosted about 6,000 passengers and family members in the last seven years at its biggest hub airports and smaller ones, too.

“It’s targeting kids with autism, but we don’t turn

anyone away,” Sickler said, adding that people as old as 26 have participated along with their families.

American Airlines coordinates the program through local autism and special needs community groups. Right now, there is a waitlist for those who want to participate. The next event is in Charlotte on April 23 and Los Angeles on May 7. Jacksonville, Florida, Philadelphia, Cleveland and San Diego are also on the schedule.

On Saturday, passengers such as Caroline Diorio parked at the airport, checked bags, went through a Transportation Security Administration checkpoint and waited at a gate in Terminal C — just like any other trip.

Sickler said the practice runs let parents know if their children are ready to fly after years of sitting out of travel because of the unique, and sometimes challenging, experience that flying can be.

“At first you see the tension on the face of parents. They are really quiet,” Sickler said. “I tell them it doesn’t make a difference if it doesn’t go well. It’s better that it doesn’t go well here than during a planned vacation.”

“This mock travel experience really allows travelers or people considering traveling to experience the hustle and bustle of the air travel routine,” said Jim Moses, who runs DFW operations for American Airlines. “We make this as realistic as possible.”




That included plenty of planning by Diorio and other parents. She packed noise-canceling headphones and an iPad. The airport made it special with therapy dogs for the kids. American Airlines packed goodie bags with coloring books and other groups donated Happy Meals from McDonald’s.

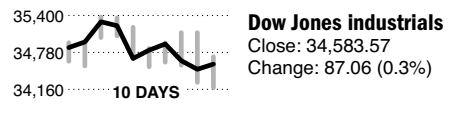
The process wasn’t an exact simulation because of a large number of kids on the plane with autism and other conditions.

Some children were loud. One was crying, which Caroline said bothered her. But overall, Diorio said her daughter was mostly calm during the experience, giving the family confidence.

“My husband wants to go to Disney World or Disneyland, but a theme park still makes me nervous,” Diorio said. “But I know we are going to travel now.”

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Commodities			
	CLOSE	PREV.	YTD
<b>FUELS</b>			
Crude Oil (bbl)	96.03	96.23	+27.68%
Natural Gas (mm btu)	6.36	6.03	+70.48%
Unleaded Gas (gal)	3.04	3.05	+36.42%
<b>METALS</b>			
Gold (oz)	1,933.80	1,918.40	+5.82%
Silver (oz)	24.73	24.46	+6.02%

Foreign Exchange			Money Rates		
	ForEx in U.S. \$	U.S. \$ in ForEx		CLOSE	PREV. WK.
Britain	1.3074	.7649	Prime rate	3.50	3.50
Canada	.7951	1.2577	3-mo. T-Bill	0.69	0.52
China	.1572	6.3602	6-mo. T-Bill	1.12	1.04
Euro	1.0879	.9192	5-yr T-Note	2.70	2.42
Japan	.008066	123.97	10-yr T-Note	2.65	2.33
Mexico	.049794	20.0829	30-yr T-Bond	2.68	2.44

Global Markets			
	CLOSE	CHG.	%CHG. %YTD
Frankfurt		...	% -8.60%
London	7,551.81	-35.89	-4.7% +2.27%
Hong Kong	21,808.98	-271.54	-1.23% -6.79%
Nikkei	26,888.57	-461.73	-1.69% -6.61%

Domestic Indexes			
	CLOSE	CHG.	YTD
DOW Indus.	34,583.57	+87.06	-4.83%
DOW Trans.	14,603.99	+41.37	-11.37%
DOW Util.	1,067.77	-3.16	+8.87%
NYSE Comp.	16,631.45	+44.34	-3.10%
Nasdaq Comp.	13,897.30	+8.48	-11.17%
S&P 500	4,500.21	+19.06	-5.58%
S&P 400	2,619.17	-5.45	-7.84%
Wilshire 5000	45,090.54	+122.18	-6.96%
Russell 2000	2,009.80	-7.14	-10.49%

Stocks of Local Interest				
STOCK (TICKER)	CLOSE	CHG.	%CHG.	YTD
AMC Entertainment A (AMC)	19.73	-.66	-27.5	
AT&T Inc (T)	23.73	-.30	-3.5	
Adv Micro Dev (AMD)	103.72	+.05	-27.9	
American Airlines Gp (AAL)	16.95	-.43	-5.6	
Amphenol Corp (APH)	73.97	+.91	-15.4	
Apple Inc (AAPL)	172.14	+.31	-3.1	
Avangrid Inc (AGR)	47.38	-.42	-5.0	
Bank of America (BAC)	39.39	-.31	-11.5	
Barnes Group (B)	37.95	-.11	-18.5	
BitNile Holdings Inc (NILE)	.63	-.03	-47.1	
Booking Holdings (BKNG)	2213.20	-8.94	-7.8	
Brist Myr Sqb (BMY)	77.26	+1.92	+23.9	
CVS Health Corp (CVS)	103.61	+1.55	+.4	
Carnival Corp (CCL)	18.74	-.19	-6.9	
Carrier Global Corp (CARR)	43.69	-.19	-19.5	
Charter Communic (CHTR)	552.48	-8.78	-15.3	
Cigna Corp (CI)	255.13	+5.52	+11.1	
Citigroup (C)	50.03	-.50	-17.2	
Comcast Corp A (CMCSA)	47.15	-.58	-6.3	
DiDi Global Inc (DIDI)	2.58	-.02	-48.2	
Disney (DIS)	131.87	-.70	-14.9	
EMCOR Group Inc (EME)	114.50	+1.50	-10.1	
Ethan Allen (ETD)	25.00	+.22	-4.9	
Eversource Energy (ES)	92.14	-.11	+1.3	
Exela Technologies (XELA)	.38	-.01	-56.9	
Excure Inc (XCUR)	.21	+.01	+3.5	
Exxon Mobil Corp (XOM)	85.05	+1.40	+39.0	
Ford Motor (F)	14.96	-.43	-28.0	
FuelCell Energy (FCEL)	5.58	-.08	+7.3	
Gen Dynamics (GD)	243.61	+4.11	+16.9	
Gen Electric (GE)	89.46	-.45	-5.3	
General Motors Co (GM)	38.72	-.78	-34.0	
HP Inc (HPQ)	40.06	+5.15	+6.3	
Hartford Fn Sv (HIG)	72.45	+.52	+4.9	
Honeywell Intl (HON)	192.70	-.92	-7.6	
Horizon Tech Fin (HRZN)	14.08	-.02	-11.6	
IMAC Holdings Inc (IMAC)	1.19	+.19	+4.4	
Infosys Ltd (INFY)	23.82	-.15	-5.9	
Kaman (KAMN)	42.39	+.49	-1.8	
Keycorp (KEY)	20.73	-.19	-10.4	
Kinross Gold (KGC)	5.95	+.09	+2.4	
Lincoln Natl Corp (LNC)	63.42	-1.71	-7.1	
M&T Bank (MTB)	161.21	-1.31	+5.0	
MGM Resorts Intl (MGM)	39.18	-.56	-12.7	
MedAvail Holdings (MDVL)	1.41	+.55	+.7	
MetLife Inc (MET)	69.55	-.52	+11.3	
Microsoft Corp (MSFT)	301.37	+1.87	-10.4	
Momentum Inc A (MNTS)	4.39	+1.44	+5.0	
Mullen Automotive (MULN)	2.38	-.27	-54.5	
Novartis AG (NVS)	91.40	+.75	+4.5	
Nvidia Corporation (NVDA)	242.08	-1.99	-17.7	
Otis Worldwide Corp (OTIS)	77.54	+1.31	-10.9	
Palantir Technol (PLTR)	12.84	-.16	-29.5	
Pfizer Inc (PFE)	55.16	+2.29	-6.6	
Pitney Bowes (PBI)	4.87	-.05	-26.5	
Prudential Fncl (PRU)	114.65	-2.08	+5.9	
Pub Svc Ent Gp (PEG)	71.61	-.47	+7.3	
Raytheon Technolog (RTX)	100.98	+2.52	+17.3	
Rogers Corp (ROG)	271.90	-.31	-.4	
Roblox Corp (RBLX)	44.73	-1.16	-56.6	
SS&C Technologies (SSNC)	73.05	-.75	-10.9	
SoFi Technologies (SOFI)	8.12	-.63	-48.6	
Sthwstn Energy (SWN)	7.67	-.02	+64.6	
Stanley Black & Deck (SWK)	139.11	-.64	-26.2	
Starwood Prop Trust (STWD)	23.31	-.54	-4.1	
Sundial Growers Inc (SNDL)	.58	-.05	+1.0	
Sunshine BioPharma (SBFM)	9.65	+3.36	+303.8	
Tellurian Inc (TELL)	5.64	-.32	+83.1	
Terex Corp (TEX)	33.44	-.03	-23.9	
Tesla Inc (TSLA)	1057.26	+11.50	...	
Tilray Brands Inc (TLRY)	6.48	-.77	-7.8	
Tonix Pharma (TNXP)	.22	+.01	-38.5	
Travelers Cos (TRV)	182.09	-.49	+16.4	
Twitter Inc (TWTR)	48.03	-2.74	+11.1	
Uber Technologies (UBER)	32.27	-1.14	-23.0	
United Rentals (URI)	320.92	-4.55	-3.4	
UnithHealth Group (UNH)	536.95	+5.20	+6.9	
Uranium Energy (UEC)	5.52	+.71	+64.8	
Virtus Invest (VVOA)	218.32	-2.83	-26.5	
Voya Financial (VOYA)	65.71	-.20	-.9	
Webster Financial (WBS)	50.19	-1.94	-10.1	
Wells Fargo & Co (WFC)	47.74	-.15	-.5	
White Mtns Insur (WMT)	111.98	-5.82	+10.1	
World Wrestling Ent (WWE)	61.76	-.02	+25.2	
XPO Logistics Inc (XPO)	61.38	-1.97	-20.7	
Xerox Holdings Corp (XRX)	19.38	+.36	-14.4	
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Vehicles are lined up in a parking lot at Dodger Stadium as people wait to receive vaccinations against COVID-19 in Los Angeles. AL SEIB/LOS ANGELES TIMES 2021

Conservatives failed the unvaccinated



Ross Douthat

Last fall, a group of researchers conducted a vaccine promotion experiment: They showed an advertisement to millions of U.S. YouTube users highlighting Donald Trump’s support for COVID-19 vaccines, using news footage in which the former president urged people to get vaccinated. This was a randomized controlled trial, comparing counties that were exposed to the ads to counties that weren’t, and in a new paper, the researchers claim the ads worked: Over the course of the 2 ½ experiment, the 1,014 counties that were part of the campaign saw an estimated 104,036 additional vaccinations overall.

Like all studies, these results should be handled with care, but they speak to a key question as the United States emerges — hopefully — from the worst of the COVID-19 era but also nears 1 million deaths: How much more could have been done to combat vaccine hesitancy, and how much more could Republican vaccine hesitancy especially have been overcome?

This question is sharpest for conservatives, and we’ll get to the right’s responsibility in a moment. But it’s an important question for liberals, too, because a liberal administration has been governing the country throughout most of the vaccination era, and a heavily liberal public health establishment has been responsible for figuring out how to get through to the unvaccinated. Communicating through a polarized environment is a hard task, and some degree of failure was inevitable. But once it became clear that Republican vaccine resistance was going to be a problem, it felt as if the liberal authorities had only two responses: mandates and scolding, trying to force people to get shots and

complaining about misinformation when they didn’t.

But the advertisement experiment, the apparent effectiveness of just highlighting Trump’s pro-vaccine rhetoric to receptive audiences, is an example of a different kind of creativity. Republican vaccine skepticism was hardly monolithic: Most Republicans got the vaccines; many prominent conservatives — politicians, Fox News figures, more — urged people to take them; and plenty of figures on the right insisted they were pro-vaccine, anti-mandate. All this could have been material for more Republican-friendly and therefore more persuasive forms of advertisement and outreach than what the Biden administration, with its mandates-and-misinformation focus, ultimately delivered.

Or so I tend to think. But in the end, it’s Republicans themselves — officeholders, media personalities, Trump — who had the best opportunity to do outreach to their own vaccine-hesitant supporters, to cut the ads and hold the events and otherwise break down the more understandable and sincerely motivated forms of skepticism. And so it’s within conservatism that the failure of the past year was the clearest.

The best way to understand that failure is to connect it to the things that conservatives got right, or partly right, during the course of 2020 and 2021. In particular, as we look back over the pandemic era, the right-wing doubts about the various mitigation strategies — mask mandates, school closures, lockdowns, social distancing — now have a certain amount of data to support them. For instance, there was a lot of talk throughout 2020 about how quick-to-reopen red states were killing their residents while blue states were protecting them.

But as my colleague David Leonhardt has pointed out, “by the end of COVID’s

first year in the U.S., the virus had swept across the country, and there was no significant partisan divide in deaths.” More recently, as omicron swept through the country, he noted that it was hard to discern a clear difference in infection rates between liberal and conservative counties, even though liberal areas were still implementing more mitigation measures. Or to step outside the United States: A study published last month in *The Lancet* looking at excess death rates worldwide in the COVID era found that two European countries often critiqued for being too lax relative to their neighbors, Sweden and Britain, didn’t have notably worse outcomes relative to their peers.

These trends are suggestive; they don’t mean that all nonpharmaceutical interventions were in vain. But they do imply that they were often oversold, their capital-S Scientific basis emphasized at the expense of reasonable doubts. Combine this reality with the manifest harms of some interventions, school shutdowns especially, and you get the fact pattern that made a figure like Ron DeSantis into a conservative folk hero for resisting many of these measures.

But then out of that fact pattern, the right drew erroneous conclusions for the vaccine phase of the COVID era. The more sweepingly erroneous conclusion was the one drawn by outright anti-vaxxers — which was that if public health authorities had exaggerated benefits and played down costs when promoting nonpharmaceutical interventions, you should assume that they were wildly exaggerating the benefits and hiding some even greater cost when promoting the vaccines.

But even the conservatives who didn’t go all the way to vaccine opposition often seemed to take vaccine uptake somewhat for granted, treating it as a purely individual decision and training most of their fire

on the perils of the next round of public health overreach. Those perils existed, in blue America especially — but the vaccines were so much more effective at preventing deaths than the most common nonpharmaceutical interventions, the stakes of their uptake so much higher, that a lot of conservative leaders ended up imbalanced, saving their enthusiasm for opposition to whatever the liberals were up to next, when what was needed first was just some over-the-top Republican enthusiasm for the vaccines.

A figure like DeSantis exemplified this problem. He made a big initial push for vaccination in Florida, but he was clearly much more comfortable pushing back against mandates than he was being a permanent salesman for vaccines that part of his core constituency resisted. And this was a problem because he, precisely because of the credibility he’d built up resisting prior public health overreach, was the best possible salesman available in Florida — and not only in Florida — not named Donald Trump. The fact that he wasn’t anti-vaxx was not enough: Precisely because red America was more resistant than blue America, it needed its leaders to be vaccine salespeople not only at the outset but through the delta and omicron waves as well.

But a study that used clips of Trump to sell more than 100,000 more Americans on vaccination fits, at least, with what I think we observed in 2021. A lot of vaccine resistance, and not just on the right, was more contingent and malleable than narratives about lockstep anti-vaxxers often suggested. And it could have been more amenable to old-fashioned persuasion, if only the right persuasion had been used.

*Douthat is a columnist for The New York Times.*

Now is time to end the COVID-19 emergency

**By Doug Badger and Kevin Dayaratna**  
The Heritage Foundation

Much has changed since President Donald Trump invoked emergency powers to combat the spread of COVID-19. Immunity, whether natural or acquired through vaccines, is much more widespread, and breakthrough treatments are available.

While the disease may never be completely eradicated, it’s time to return to a public health policy that prizes individual liberty over government authority. Unfortunately, President Joe Biden remains unwilling to relinquish the emergency powers he has wielded since taking office.

Granted, he has eased some COVID-related restrictions, urging a return to workplaces, schools and public gatherings. And the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has agreed that most communities can drop indoor masking requirements.

But the Transportation Safety Administration still retains the mask mandate for air transportation, and the administration is seeking yet another round of “emergency” COVID-19 funding. It also has extended both the HHS public health emergency and a presidentially declared national emergency. And CDC continues to call on state and local officials to adopt “layered prevention strategies” — including mask mandates — based on the agency’s assessment of “COVID-19 community levels.”

This approach to the pandemic is rooted in the administration’s unrealistic “zero COVID” policy goal. The only virus that was ever truly eradicated was smallpox — and that took nearly 200 years.

It is clear that lockdowns and mandates have failed to shut down the virus either here or abroad. Nor have vaccines. So what will? Neither the president nor his brain trust has offered any eradication strategies.

Going forward, the better policy path is for the administration to acknowledge that it cannot eradicate COVID-19, that it has likely joined the ranks of diseases with which we coexist.

Living with COVID-19 is not surrendering to the pathogen. It is government accepting reality and surrendering the extraordinary control it has exercised over the lives of 330 million Americans.

The Biden administration should begin by making it clear that the realities today are nothing like the nightmare of March 2020.

The coronavirus is no longer novel. Thanks to medical innovations and natural immunity, many of our bodies can now recognize the pathogen and are far better positioned to combat it. As of mid-March, nearly 217 million Americans were fully vaccinated, 96.2 million had received boosters and an estimated 140 million people — some of whom also were immunized — had recovered from the virus.

Our statistical analysis indicates that those who decide to get vaccinated are at much lower risk of severe cases of COVID-19 than are the unvaccinated. Fully vaccinated people under the age of 50 are two to 40 times more likely to die from a homicide than COVID-19. When fully vaccinated, even older Americans — those aged 65 and up — are at much lower risk of dying from COVID-19 than from other ailments, including heart disease, cancer and chronic illnesses.

For those who opt not to get vaccinated,



President Biden prepares to speak March 30 at the White House. NICHOLAS KAMM/GETTY-AFP

widely available antivirals are highly effective in preventing severe illness and hospitalizations.

One of these products, an oral medication called Paxlovid, is 88% effective at preventing severe disease. Under the administration’s “test to treat” initiative, people who test positive for COVID-19 at certain pharmacies will take the medicine home with them.

And for those who have already had COVID-19, natural immunity is as robust, if not more so, than immunity conferred from vaccines, according to CDC.

We can live with a virus whose worst effects are muted by immunity and antivirals, just as we live with other diseases that pose substantial threats to the elderly and medically vulnerable. None of that was true two years ago when the Trump administration initially issued the emergency declarations.

Today, there is no need for those declarations to remain in force.

Rescinding them will have collateral

effects. Higher Medicaid payments to states, for example, are linked to the emergency. State coffers are overflowing, and the tens of billions in additional spending is contributing to inflation. These payments should cease.

Other temporary provisions linked to the emergency, like telemedicine, should be extended. First widely deployed as an expedient when the government restricted nonemergent medical care, telemedicine has proved enormously popular. Congress should permanently authorize it.

Temporary policies linked to the emergency declarations should stand or fall on their own merits, but the states of emergency themselves should expire.

We can and must live with COVID-19. And our president must learn to live with letting go of emergency powers that are no longer necessary or appropriate.

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4/6 & 4/8/22 7184339

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#### ORDER OF NOTICE

Notice to: Unidentified Person father of child  
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of parts unknown.  
A petition has been filed seeking:  
Termination of parental rights of the above  
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The petition, whereby the court's decision  
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regarding minor child(ren) will be heard on:  
4/21/22 at 12:00PM at SCJM 920 Broad  
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Therefore, ORDERED, that notice of the  
hearing of this petition be given by publishing  
this Order of Notice once, immediately upon  
receipt, in the Hartford Courant, a newspaper  
having a circulation in the town/city of  
Manchester, CT

Name of Judge (Print or type)  
Hon. Michael Dannehy  
Signed (Judge/Clerk) M. Stackpole  
Date signed  
3/25/22

Right to Counsel: Upon proof of inability to  
pay for a lawyer, the court will make sure an  
attorney is provided to you by the Chief Public  
Defender. Request for an attorney should be  
made immediately in person, by mail, or by  
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11:00 a.m. prevailing time, on Thursday, April 28, 2022, at which time and place said bids will  
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specifications.  
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Responses are due in writing on or before  
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#### TOWN OF GLASTONBURY REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ) EXECUTIVE SEARCH FIRM - TOWN MANAGER RPGL-2023-09

**DUE DATE AND TIME: April 22, 2022 BY  
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Mary F. Visone  
Purchasing Agent  
4/8/2022 7187686

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OBITUARIES

Bagley, Robert D




Robert Dexter Bagley (Bob), age 77, of Irving, Texas, died on March 13, 2022 after a short battle with cancer. To view the complete obituary, please visit <https://www.ariacremation.com/obituary/robert-dexter-bagley/>  
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Boccucci, Jr., Matthew



Matthew Boccucci, Jr., 80, of Windsor, passed away peacefully on Monday, April 4, 2022. Matt was born on August 6, 1941, in Hartford, son to the late Matthew Boccucci, Sr. and Lena (DiCioccio) Boccucci. Matt was raised in Hartford before relocating to Windsor in 1952 with his family. Between the years of 1959 and 1962, he proudly served his country with the U.S. Navy. After his honorable discharge, he was employed with the State of Connecticut, Department of Mental Health for over 25 years as Research Analyst before his retirement. Left to cherish his memory is his dear friend, Andrea Fullana of Windsor and her son, Matthew Fullana, who was like a son to Matt. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his brother, Anthony Boccucci. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Monday, April 11, 2022, at 11 a.m. at St. Damien of Molokai Parish- St. Gabriel Church, 379 Broad St., Windsor. Guests are asked to go directly to church. Burial will follow in Cedar Hill Cemetery, Hartford. To leave an online message of condolence, please visit [www.carmonfuneralhome.com](https://www.carmonfuneralhome.com).



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Borracci, Ann-Teresa (Martino)




Ann-Teresa M. Borracci (Martino), 89, longtime resident of Windsor Locks, entered into Eternal Peace on Tuesday, April 5, 2022, at Hartford Hospital. Ann-Teresa was born on June 21, 1932, the loving daughter of the late William and Mary Jane (Tummillo) Martino. She made her home and raised her family in Windsor Locks alongside her beloved husband of over 65 years, Silvio J. Borracci. Ann-Teresa worked for the Travelers for many years and was a faithful communicant of Mary, Gate of Heaven Parish, St. Mary Church. She was very artistically talented with ceramics and painting, as well as knitting and sewing, and was an avid UCONN Women's Basketball fan. Along with her husband, she attended many bluegrass concerts and enjoyed taking camping trips. She made many fond memories with her children and family during the summer and through weekend trips to their family's cottage at Soundview Beach in Old Lyme. Due to her Italian heritage, Ann-Teresa was a wonderful cook and loved to have her family over to enjoy a meal with one another. She found much joy in decorating her house for the holidays, especially Christmas, and hosting her relatives and friends. In addition to her beloved husband, Silvio Borracci of Windsor Locks, Ann is survived by her children, Joseph Borracci of Windsor Locks and Ann Marie Borracci-Dunn and her husband, Dr. Steven Dunn of Suffield; grandchildren, Diana Dunn and Brian Dunn and his wife, Dr. Clara Sanders; a great granddaughter, Catherine Annalease Dunn; and sister-in-law, Roseann Borracci. She was predeceased by a brother, Joseph Martino and a sister-in-law, Antoinette Borracci-Turnberg. The family would like to extend a special thank you to the nurses and healthcare workers for their compassion and care of Ann for the past several years, especially Nardia Davis, Noreen White, and Sophia Miller for their dedication. Relatives and friends are invited to join the family for calling hours on Monday, April 11, 2022 from 6- 8 pm at the Windsor Locks Funeral Home, 441 Spring Street, Windsor Locks. A procession will gather at the funeral home at 9:00 am on Tuesday, April 12, 2022, for a Mass of Christian Burial to be celebrated at 10:00 am at St. Mary Church, 42 Spring St, Windsor Locks. Burial will follow at St. Mary's Cemetery. To leave online condolences please visit [www.windsorlocksfuneralhome.com](https://www.windsorlocksfuneralhome.com)

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OBITUARIES

Brenner, Evelyn (Zering)



Evelyn (Zering) Brenner, 90, of Berlin, widow of Julius R. Brenner, passed away Tuesday (April 5, 2022) at her home. A native and former New Britain resident, graduate of New Britain High School, Class of 1949, Evelyn has been a Berlin resident since 1975. She was employed at the Mickey Finn's Store in Berlin for 25 years, until retiring in 1994. She was a member of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in New Britain; was a member of St. Matthew's Mr. & Mrs. Club; and was the former secretary of the Berlin Chapter AARP. Surviving is her son, Blair Brenner and his wife Nancy of Bordentown, NJ; and two daughters, Kathleen Brenner of Wallingford and Karen Hurlbert and her husband Robert of Middletown; a sister-in-law, Esther Krampitz and her husband Ferdinand of North Haven; 6 grandchildren, Christopher Brenner and his wife Christina; Eric Brenner and his wife Melissa; Justin Brenner and his wife Lisa; April Erskine and her husband William; and Jacob and Ryan Hurlbert; two great grandsons, Zachary and Logan Brenner; many nieces and nephews. Evelyn was the youngest of 12 children and was predeceased by 11 brothers and sisters. Funeral services are Monday 10 AM at St. Matthews Lutheran Church, 99 Franklin Square, New Britain. Burial will follow in Gethsemane Cemetery, Meriden. Calling hours are Sunday 3 to 5 PM at Carlson Funeral Home, 45 Franklin Square, New Britain and at St. Matthews Lutheran Church, Monday morning 9:30 AM until the time of the service. Memorial donations may be made to Lutheran Hour Ministries, 660 Mason Ridge Center, St. Louis, MO 63141. Please share a memory or note of sympathy at [www.carlsonfuneral-home.com](https://www.carlsonfuneral-home.com)



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Brush, William G.



William G. Brush Jr, 87, of Southington, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, April 6, 2022. He is survived by his soul mate and loving wife, Ellen (Kilduff) Brush for 62 years. William was born on October 31, 1934 to the late William and Anna (Taft) Brush, formerly of Naugatuck. He proudly served his country in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War and enjoyed his career as a plumber for 45 years. Bill was a member of the Calendar House, VFW, and the Silver Sneakers program at the YMCA of Southington. He was also a Golden Sheaf member of the Naugatuck Beacon Valley Grange #103 of which he was a member for 74 years. For over 50 years, he was a member of the First Congregational Church of Southington where he served on the Diaconate and the Board of Trustees. In addition to his wife Ellen, William is survived by his children, Ellen Dietz (Roger), Jennifer Brush (Jeff) and William Brush III (Barbara), his daughter-in-law, Kerry Brush; 14 grandchildren: Bryanna, Joshua, Christian, Daniel, Brian, Brandon, Adam, Jack, Connor, Julia, Emma, Katie, Aidan and Jillyann and 3 great-grandsons; Damian, Parker and Owen. He is also survived by his sister, Barbara Kirk and sister-in-law, Connie Brush, both of Naugatuck; sister-in-law, Virginia Charnick and brother-in-law, Peter Kilduff (Judy), both of New Britain and many nieces and nephews. Bill was predeceased by 3 children; Beatrice, Pamela and Andrew Brush; a grandson, Thomas Feeney and a brother, Charles Brush. Bill's family would like to extend a sincere thank you to the entire staff at the Infusion Center at Bradley Campus in Southington and also to the staff at Hartford Healthcare Hospice of Bloomfield for their compassion and excellent care. In lieu of flowers, donations in Bill's memory may be made to the Andrew Douglas Brush Scholarship Fund, c/o William Brush III, 120 South End Road, Southington, CT 06489. A funeral service will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, April 11, 2022 at the First Congregational Church, 37 Main St, Southington. Burial with military honors will follow in South End Cemetery, Southington. Calling hours will be held from 2 - 5 p.m. on Sunday, April 10, 2022 at the Plantsville Funeral Home, 975 S. Main St, Plantsville. For online condolences and directions, please visit [www.plantsvillefuneralhome.com](https://www.plantsvillefuneralhome.com).

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Coughlin, Marilyn



Marilyn Lindberg Coughlin, 94, of South Windsor, CT, went home to the Lord on April 5, 2022. Marilyn was born in Springfield, MA on May 26, 1927, daughter to Ann and Alexander Lindberg. At age three, she moved to Hartford, CT, and was raised by her Aunt and Uncle, Nellie and Stephen Butryman. After graduating from Bulkeley High School, she became employed by Travelers Insurance Company where she met the love of her life, William Coughlin, Jr. Marilyn and Billy were married for 59 years, until his passing in 2008. Marilyn had many passions in her lifetime. As a teenager, while working at a local horse stable, she developed a love for horseback riding, a hobby she kept up with into her 60's. An accomplished singer, she performed at the Bushnell Theater in Hartford as a young woman and always sang in church choirs over the years. An avid bowler and tennis player, she hardly missed a Pete Sampras or Roger Federer tennis match on television. She was a lover of animals, having many pets over her lifetime, including, recently, her much adored Flicka. Marilyn enjoyed travel, spending many vacations with Bill in their beloved Bermuda, and trips to Alaska and California in more recent years. Marilyn, with Bill, were dedicated Soldiers of The Salvation Army; with Marilyn working the red kettle bells during the Christmas season. Her greatest passion was being a loving and devoted mother and wife, while raising her family in Old Wethersfield, CT. Her strong Christian faith guided her life and Marilyn was the spiritual backbone of the Coughlin family. Marilyn leaves behind her two children: Laurie Coughlin Larson and husband Alan Larson of South Windsor, and Matthew Coughlin and wife Dawn Kelly Coughlin of Sandy Hook. Also, her four grandchildren: Stephanie Larson of Seward, Alaska, Daniel Larson of South Windsor, Jessica Coughlin of Winsted, and Kelly Coughlin of Philadelphia, PA. Marilyn also leaves behind her half-brother Perry Lindberg and half-sisters Susan Shipman and Karen Miller. Services will be held on Saturday, April 9, 2022 at Rose Hill Funeral Home, 580 Elm Street, Rocky Hill. Calling hour begins at noon, followed by a Memorial Service at 1:00 pm In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Marilyn's memory to The Connecticut Humane Society, 701 Russell Road, Newington, CT 06111 or a charity of your choice. Please share online expressions of sympathy, memories, or photo tributes at [www.rosehillfuneralhomes.com](https://www.rosehillfuneralhomes.com)

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Gallipo, Pauline



Pauline Gallipo, 89 of East Windsor entered into eternal rest on Tuesday April 5th, 2022 in her home. Daughter of the late Roland & Maria Boudreau, she was born on March 25th of 1933. Pauline graduated from Hartford Public High in 1951. She married her best friend and only love, Roger, in 1955, and they enjoyed 64 years of a happy marriage. Pauline was an extremely creative person & worked for many years making stained glass lampshades as well as other stained glass creations. She enjoyed needle-point, cross stitch, embroidery, knitting and filled many adult coloring books as a pastime. A selfless mother, her greatest joy was time with family hosting Sunday dinners, holidays and other special occasions. She always brought joy to everyone and will be remembered for her sense of humor and her infectious laughter. Pauline is predeceased by her husband Roger Gallipo and her son Guy Gallipo. She is survived by her children, Ken Gallipo, and his wife, Alice, Cyndy Wilson, Danielle Greenwood and her significant other, Ian Tingey; her daughter-in-law, Laurie Gallipo; her grandchildren, Cassie and Pat Tanner, Ashlee Wilson, Lisa Gallipo and fiancé Keith Spaulding, Garret Gallipo, Cameron Greenwood and fiancé Alexa Johnson; her great grandchildren, Tyler, Kori, and Taylor; her former sons-in-law, Mike Wilson and Scott Greenwood; and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends, including her dearest lifelong friends, Tony and Audie Daniel. The family would like to extend a heartfelt thank you for the wonderful care given to their mom by hospice nurses Pam, Maria, Jennifer and Courtney. Pauline's family will receive relatives and friends from 4 to 6 pm on Sunday, April 10, 2022 at the Windsor Locks Funeral Home, 441 Spring Street, Windsor Locks. A procession will gather at the funeral home at 9 am for a Mass of Christian Burial to be celebrated at 10 am on Monday, April 11, 2022 at St. Mary Church, 42 Spring St., Windsor Locks. Burial will follow at Mt. St. Benedict Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations in Pauline's memory can be made to [www.givetoyhnh.org/ways-to-give/honor-a-loved-one/](https://www.givetoyhnh.org/ways-to-give/honor-a-loved-one/). For online condolences, please visit [www.windsorlocksfuneralhome.com](https://www.windsorlocksfuneralhome.com).

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Koziura, Anna



Anna (Doroty) Koziura went home to be with the Lord on April 3, 2022 after a short illness. Born November 25, 1922 in Jasinowce, Poland to Leon and Maria (Smolinska) Doroty. She lived most of her life in Newington where she raised her family. She was a loving mother, grandmother and great grandmother, her greatest joy was cooking and being with her family. She had a kind and loving nature and will be missed by all who knew her. She is survived by her devoted children, Richard (Jadwiga) Koziura of Newington, Michael (Eva) Koziura of Wethersfield and Krystyna (Zbigniew) Zakoscielny of Newington with whom she made her home, Anna leaves behind seven grand-children, Peter Koziura of South Windsor, Diane (Christopher) Chappell of New Hampshire, Michelle (Anthony) Verderame of East Haven, Ashley (J.E.) Shepard of South Windsor, Cindy Morrison of Florida, Kelly (Michael) Zakoscielny-Lee of New Hampshire and Stacey (Marcin) Rydzewska of Plantsville. Also her great-grandchildren, Rachel, Amanda, Kyle, Kaycee, Julia, Jacob, Addison, Aria, Avery, Xavier and Izabela. She was predeceased by her husband Frank, her infant son, her parents, four brothers and five sisters all in Poland. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Saturday, April 9, 2022 at 9:30 AM at Sacred Heart Church, Broad St., New Britain. She will be laid to rest in Sacred Heart Cemetery next to her husband. Family and friends may call on Friday, April 8, 2022 from 4-7pm at New Britain Memorial Funeral Home, 444 Farmington Ave. New Britain. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at [www.NewBritainSagarino.com](https://www.NewBritainSagarino.com) for the Koziura family.

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Quinn, Richard W. (FAIA Architect)

Richard "Dick" Quinn passed away in the early hours of April 2, 2022, in Baltimore, Maryland after a prolonged battle with Alzheimer's disease. He was 85 years old. Dick and his surviving wife Pat were long time residents of Bloomfield, Connecticut. Funeral arrangements are provided by Charles L. Stevens Funeral Home (410) 752-7739 and details can be found on their website: <https://www.charleslstevensfuneralhome.com/>

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OBITUARIES

Schrepf, Robert



Robert Kean Schrepf, a newspaper journalist in Connecticut and Nebraska for more than half a century, died in Lincoln, Nebraska, on April 1, surrounded by his loved ones. He was 83.

He was the voice behind many of the best-written editorials at the Hartford Courant in Connecticut. He said he never had a bad day in his 25-year career there. The joie de vivre that made him so cheerful also made him kind, and the people he worked with and wrote about were the grateful beneficiaries of his good nature.

He was in love with news up to the end, always watching CNN and reading the New Yorker magazine, Omaha World Herald and Lincoln Journal Star. He could recall precise details of political races in Connecticut, Nebraska and Washington dating back decades.

Bob went to work for the Lincoln Star in November 1964, as a clerk on the routines desk booking deaths, births and weather statistics. He soon became a general assignment reporter before taking over the morning daily's City Hall beat.

In 1969, Star Editor William O. Dobler asked Bob to write editorials, the newspaper's institutional opinion. He wrote much of The Star's unsigned editorial opinions for the next 13 years.

Working at The Star — reporting and, in later years, commenting on events in the town where he grew up — was a joy for Bob. But in 1982, he accepted the invitation of John J. Zakarian to join the editorial board of The Hartford Courant, America's oldest continuously published newspaper, dating to 1764, and one with a Sunday circulation of around 300,000 at its height.

Bob thrived in Connecticut within the regional community of journalists he came to know. At The Courant, he was an editorial writer, chief editorial writer, deputy editorial page editor and editorial page editor, succeeding Zakarian. He also was a member of The Courant's executive committee. He belonged to the National Conference of Editorial Writers and was a long-time member of the New England Society of Newspaper Editors. Bob was NESNE's president in 2000.

Bob was part of a Courant team of four that won a top national editorial writing award, The Society of Professional Journalists' Sigma Delta Chi Award, for 2012 editorials written in response to the Sandy Hook shooting tragedy.

Bob also won the Yankee Quill Award, granted by the Academy of New England Journalists, in 2012. It is considered the highest individual honor awarded to newspaper journalists in the six-state region

For all of his 35 years in Connecticut, Bob lived in the North Granby section of the beautiful rural town of Granby, where he was president and long-time secretary of the board of the Salmon Brook Historical Society. He was also devoted to the Hartford Stage and to movie festivals. He especially loved the Provincetown Film Festival, which he attended for many successive summers, becoming longtime friends with many other regular festival goers.

He returned to Lincoln to live in retirement in July 2017.

Bob was born in Lincoln on Sept. 8, 1938, to Mary Virginia "Happy" (Kean) Schrepf and E. Barney Schrepf, both lifelong Lincoln residents.

He is survived by his sisters, Nancy A. Schrepf (Curt Bergstrand) of St. Petersburg, Florida, and Julie C. Schrepf (Cathy Andrews) of Omaha; a niece, Sarah Bergstrand Fischer (Casey Fischer) of Gulfport, Florida, and two grand-nephews, Brendan and Sammy Fischer of Gulfport, and several cousins. Bob, like all Schrepfs, was a champion for pets and a softie when it came to his own: Max, Smiley, Thunder, Kitty, Buddy 1 and Buddy 2.

Bob attended Lincoln public schools, graduating from Lincoln High School in the class of 1956. He attended UNL, majoring in political science. He was a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity.

Bob had a wide variety of interests, especially travel — and he saw much of the world, although little pleased him more than an afternoon at Fenway Park or a weekend on Cape Cod or the annual "Nebraska Boys' Night Out" with friends at Yankee Stadium.

Always sociable, Bob enjoyed being part of the Resident Committee at the Legacy in Lincoln, and he relished his drinks with Legacy friends every Wednesday. He also treasured his Thursday coffee group with witty Lincoln buddies. He was a devoted Husker fanatic.

He had a lifelong love of Nebraska's quiet beauty and the grandeur of the Rocky Mountains, which he experienced up close most of the summers of his youth as a camper and counselor at Cheley Colorado Camps.

What mattered most to Bob in life were the people he loved. He made friends wherever he went, and he never tired of their company. A two-hour dinner was too short for Bob. If Bob knew you, then all of his other friends will have heard of you. He held his loved ones in his heart till the very last. He will be remembered fondly and missed beyond measure.

Honorary pall bearers: Jim Cole, Nick DiSalvatore, Don Walton, Don Wesely, Dr. Chuck Wilson.

Memorials suggested to American Civil Liberties Union, Nebraska or Connecticut chapters; favorite animal welfare charity; University of Nebraska Foundation; Westminster Presbyterian Church, Lincoln.

Friends and relatives are invited to a celebration of life gathering between 4-6 p.m. on Thursday, April 7, and a memorial service at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, April 8. Both will be held at Roper and Sons, Midtown Chapel, 4300 O. Street, Lincoln, NE 68510. Please find the link to a livestream of Friday's service, as well as a place to leave an online message commemorating Bob, at [www.ropelandsons.com](http://www.ropelandsons.com), under Obituaries.

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CORONAVIRUS IN CONNECTICUT

## Subvariant has metrics on the rise

With sixth highest prevalence of BA.2 in US, state reports increase in positivity rate, hospitalizations

By Alex Putterman  
Hartford Courant

Connecticut has seen a notable increase in its COVID-19 positivity rate and its count of patients hospitalized with the disease over the past week, state numbers show.

The state's positivity rate now stands at its highest level since mid-February, though that number is likely skewed by recent changes in how the state's data is reported. Hospitalizations are up 57% since Monday and at their highest level since mid-March.

COVID-19 cases have risen slightly as well — and are likely undercounted due to the prevalence of at-home tests, whose results are not reported to the state.

Additionally, the state reported 19 coronavirus-linked deaths over the past week, bringing its total to 10,795 during the pandemic.

Experts say Connecticut's recent increase in COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations likely owes to the

BA.2 subvariant of omicron, which accounts for the vast majority of infections in the state. According to one estimate from Becker's Hospital Review, Connecticut has the sixth highest prevalence of the BA.2 subvariant of any U.S. state, behind only Rhode Island, Vermont, New Jersey, Massachusetts and New York.

Still, Connecticut's COVID-19 numbers remain far lower than

during the state's winter surge, and their rate of increase has been relatively slow. Dr. Ulysses Wu, chief epidemiologist at Hartford HealthCare, used the analogy of a large "Pacific Ocean wave" like the one Connecticut experienced over the winter, as opposed to a more modest "Jersey Shore wave."

"What we've got going here is a

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## Seymour firm fined for toxic discharge

Plant's environmental manager was allegedly 'downsized' to cut costs

By Edmund H. Mahony  
Hartford Courant

A Berkshire Hathaway manufacturing plant in Seymour has been penalized more than \$2.5 million for discharging toxic wastes into public waters after federal prosecutors say the plant operators "downsized" their environmental manager in a cost-cutting move.

Over five months during the summer of 2016, the Kerite Power Cable & Pump Cable factory pumped thousands of gallons of untreated effluent with high levels of heavy metals into the municipal sewer system, which disrupted operation of the treatment plant and eventually reached the Naugatuck River and Long Island Sound.

Kerite manufactures high-voltage, underwater, rubber-insulated power cable and was acquired in 1999 by Marmon Utility, a Berkshire Hathaway holding company. The cable manufacturing process produces industrial wastewater containing heavy metals such as lead, zinc and copper.

Disruption of the treatment plant triggered a federal grand jury investigation and an eventual corporate guilty plea by Marmon to violating the federal Clean Water Act. To resolve the case, the company agreed to about \$2.5 million in payments, which include an \$800,000 criminal fine, a \$100,000 civil penalty, \$7,538 in restitution to the sewage plant and

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Construction on a car dealership is underway on Route 44, across from the Shops at Farmington Valley. MARK MIRKO/HARTFORD COURANT

## A boon for 'auto row'

Stretch of Route 44 in Canton on course for 2 more car dealerships

By Don Stacom  
Hartford Courant

For motorists wondering what's being built across from the Shops at Farmington Valley, the answer is a new Subaru dealership that's part of a land swap bringing a Chrysler, Dodge, Ram and Jeep dealer to Route 44 automotive row.

Mitchell Auto Group is relocating its Subaru dealership on Route 44 about a block west, where it's already constructing a modern

replacement. Its existing Subaru showroom and sales office will be remodeled as a Chrysler, Dodge, Ram and Jeep dealership.

Ultimately, the move will bring four new brands to one of the busiest car-shopping districts in central Connecticut.

The stretch of Route 44 between central Canton and just past the western edge of Avon has showrooms selling Chevrolets, Nissans, Acuras, Hondas, Toyotas and Subarus along with numerous used

car dealerships.

"There's a surprising number of outlets for motor vehicles in Canton as well as in Avon," Canton First Selectman Robert Bessel said Thursday.

"It's definitely a draw for Canton. We did a market study some time ago and found that this is a very healthy draw for the town — and it's helpful to the tax base," Bessel said.

The Mitchell Auto Group also owns a Volkswagen franchise along that section of Route 44 —

also known as Albany Turnpike — but will be relocating it to Simsbury in May.

The company is moving its Subaru dealership from 71 Albany Turnpike to 95 Albany Turnpike.

Contractors have cleared away small structures on the property and are now putting up a 34,000-square-foot building that company Vice President Steven Mitchell predicted will become one

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## Celebration of life set for Trinity sophomore

Police continue search for driver in hit-and-run

By Christine Dempsey  
Hartford Courant

One week after a Trinity College sophomore was killed in a hit-and-run a few feet from campus, her family is poised to honor the 20-year-old they remember as driven but gentle, sweet yet sassy.

A celebration of Jillian Hegarty's life is planned for Friday at her high school in her home state of Vermont. She was studying neuroscience at Trinity.

Hegarty was crossing New Britain Avenue in Hartford with two

fellow students late on March 31 when they were struck by a car. A second student was seriously injured but survived, and a third had minor injuries, police said.

The driver took off and the car was later recovered in New Haven. Police continue to investigate and have not made an arrest, Lt. Aaron Boisvert said Thursday.

In her obituary, Hegarty is described as "a scholar, a dancer, a leader and a friend to all." She was an intelligent young woman and a

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A streetside memorial honors Jillian Hegarty, who was killed March 31 at the intersection of New Britain Avenue and Henry Street. MARK MIRKO/HARTFORD COURANT

## State treasurer says he will not seek reelection

Wooden plans to spend more time with family

Staff report

Connecticut Treasurer Shawn T. Wooden announced Thursday he would not seek a second term in order to spend more time with his family.

"As a father, I've sacrificed countless hours, missing everything from basketball games and track meets to family dinners. With one of my sons going to college soon and the other right behind him, I've decided not to seek re-election as



Wooden

Treasurer," Wooden said in a statement.

"Like other working families, mine too faces the day-to-day pressures of family life. Things like juggling financial resources to pay for college or making the time needed to teach children life's most important lessons aren't always easy in public life. As the proud father of you two young Black boys, I know that,

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Parent cabinet to give voice in child care decision-making

By Seamus McAvoy  
Hartford Courant

Connecticut’s Office of Early Childhood announced Thursday it has established a parent cabinet, a parent-led advisory group intended to infuse the voice of caregivers into policy and decision-making.

State leaders say the cabinet will create a “feedback loop” of communication between the office — which oversees child care, Care 4 Kids and other early childhood services — and parents, whose needs are not always heard.

Ivoni Montes, a cabinet member from Wethersfield, said she did not know any English when she moved to the United States from Peru.

The language barrier made it a challenge to navigate the complicated waters of early child care. Now, she wants to be a voice for other immigrants.

“I can bring their voices to make

sure they have what they need for their kids to be happy and healthy,” Montes said through a translator.

Christina Augliera, of Torrington, is the mother of two sons, with the youngest on the autism spectrum. Augliera founded the nonprofit Torrington Area Families for Autism, and wants to use her seat on the parent cabinet to advocate for special programming in rural Connecticut.

The cabinet framers made a concerted effort to reach out to fathers, whose role in communities and in early childhood is sometimes overlooked.

Joshua Vaughn, a father of four from Naugatuck, said he wants to be a voice for fathers and all caregivers who make daily sacrifices for the well-being of their children.

“The importance of male figures within the community is dynamic,” Vaughn said. “The goal is to equip, educate and coach men

from all walks of life for the preparations of leadership. Committing to this cause will provoke change and awareness.”

State officials heralded the cabinet’s creation. “Listening to parents “is not the afterthought anymore, it’s central,” Commissioner Beth Bye said Thursday at a press conference in Hartford. “This is a great day, this is historic.”

Gov. Ned Lamont said in a statement he is grateful to the parents for dedicating their time to improving care for young children.

“Their input will help shape the policies that are directly impacting families,” Lamont said. “We’ve already made very strong steps to make Connecticut one of the most family-friendly states in the country, and I look forward to seeing the contributions they can provide to make even further strides in those efforts,” Lamont said.

The 15-person cabinet will meet monthly with Office of Early Childhood leaders to assess

programs, develop new ones and bring awareness to the concerns and needs of parents.

Each cabinet member will also meet regularly with other community members to gather insight into the needs of their region.

The initiative, which has been in the nascent stages for months, has already made its impact felt.

Bye said the Office of Early Childhood once considered making changes to the number of hours per day or weeks per year a state-funded child care program needed to be open, amid changes to family work schedules. But parents convinced the office to keep schedules where they are.

“You’ve helped shift my gaze to what’s really on parents’ minds,” Bye said, addressing the cabinet.

Elaine Zimmerman, an administrator with the Administration of Children and Families who oversees states in New England, applauded the cabinet’s launch.

“How it happened that govern-

ment and the nonprofit sector took over the place of the family is actually a critical question,” Zimmerman said.

Some other states have informal structures in place for child care agencies to solicit caregiver feedback, Zimmerman said, but Connecticut’s parent cabinet sets it apart as a leader nationwide.

“I think this cabinet is the number one example for the country,” Zimmerman said.

The cabinet consists of two members from each of Connecticut’s six early childhood regions, plus three at-large members. The cabinet framers intended for the body to be geographically diverse, and also diverse in other ways following a robust application process.

To learn more or find your parent cabinet representative, visit ctoec.org

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Youth arrested in threat at Bristol Central High

By Christine Dempsey  
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An investigation into a threat of violence at Bristol Central High School has led to an arrest, police said Thursday morning.

Police said shortly after 9 a.m. that a juvenile was arrested in connection with the threat, which surfaced on social media.

The threat referred to violence against both students and staff that would take place Thursday or Friday, police said. Police did not elaborate on the nature of the threat early Thursday or say where it showed up online.

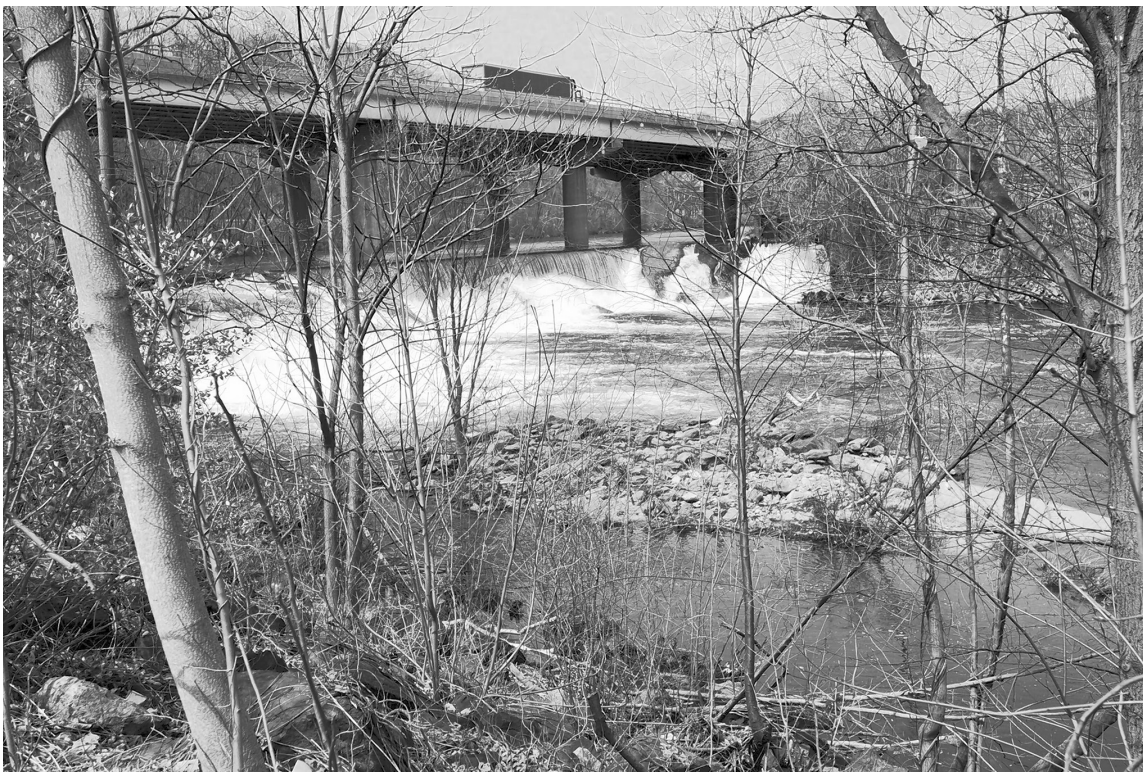
Classes were not canceled as a

result of the threat, but Lt. Patrick Krajewski said there will be an increased police presence at all Bristol schools until further notice.

School officials are investigating the threat as well, Catherine M. Carbone, superintendent of schools, said in an email to parents.

“School is in session and operating on a regular school schedule,” she said. “Out of an abundance of caution, there will be an increased police presence on campus until further notice.”

Krajewski said anyone who knows something that may help investigators is asked to call Bristol police at 860-584-3011.



In the summer of 2016, the Kerite Power Cable & Pump Cable factory discharged thousands of gallons of untreated waste with high levels of heavy metals, which eventually reached the Naugatuck River. COURANT FILE PHOTO

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a non-tax deductible, \$1.6 million contribution to state and federal environmental efforts to clean up the Naugatuck River.

“As a result of its parsimony and inattention, Marmon released thousands of gallons of untreated factory wastewater containing heavy metals to the Seymour municipal sewage treatment plant, which flows out to the Naugatuck River,” the U.S. Attorney’s office said in a court filing. “It likely would have been more cost-effective for Marmon to maintain a robust environmental compliance program rather than to cut corners and risk federal prosecution.”

Officials from Marmon were not available for comment.

Illegal, toxic discharges were detected over two days in September 2016, when the sewage plant operators spotted an inflow of more than 5,000 gallons a day of rusty brown wastewater. The wastewater knocked the plant offline, and the operators needed two weeks and “several truckloads of biologic microorganisms” to restore it to full operation, federal prosecutors said.

Testing of the rusty waste showed

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— U.S. Attorney’s office

that it contained a lead concentration 127 times greater than normal and zinc 10 times greater, the prosecutors said.

The grand jury investigation revealed that Kerite had employed an environmental manager since 1989 to operate its in-house wastewater treatment plant. But in 2004, not long after Marmon acquired Kerite, prosecutors said “this manager was laid off after most of his staff had been downsized in previous years.”

The Kerite treatment system used a series of tanks to remove metals and treat water before discharging it into the municipal sewer system.

Before he was let go, the environmental manager was instructed

to train a maintenance worker to operate the Kerite treatment system, prosecutors said. When a trained maintenance worker left the company in 2016, other maintenance employees were tasked to replace him, but the prosecutors said the replacements had no environmental training or training on the system, and did not have access to operations manuals.

When the treatment tanks became full at the time of the illegal discharges in 2016, the maintenance employees simply opened valves and let them drain.

“Instead of removing the lead and zinc, Marmon employees discharged untreated wastewater containing these heavy metals to the sewage treatment plant,” prosecutors said.

When it pleaded guilty in December, Marmon acknowledged that at least from April to September in 2016 it failed to operate its waste processing equipment, failed to report that it was bypassing the system and not processing heavy metal waste, and exceeded the maximum daily discharge limit under its state environmental permit. In addition to the financial penalties, U.S. District Judge Kari A. Dooley placed the company on probation for three years

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Woman dies after porch railing collapse

A woman fell to her death in Hartford on Wednesday when a second-floor porch railing collapsed, police said.

The accident happened about 6 p.m. at 82 Chadwick Ave.

According to police, the woman was on the second-floor landing of the rear porch when

the railing collapsed. She fell about 8 feet onto the pavement below and suffered severe head trauma.

She was taken to Hartford Hospital, where she was pronounced dead at 6:36 p.m., police said.

The death is considered accidental. There is no criminal wrongdoing, Lt. Aaron Boisvert said.

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of the most popular Subaru dealerships in the Northeast.

“The huge building that’s going up now is going to be energy efficient, eco-friendly - the things Subaru is known for,” Mitchell said. “We’re hoping to work with local gardening groups to bring in pollinator gardens. We really think it’s going to add to the beauty of Canton.”

The Mitchell Auto Group plans to remodel the existing Subaru building into a service department for Chryslers, Dodges, Rams and Jeeps. The former New England Patio and Hearth store next to that will be renovated as the new Chrysler, Dodge, Ram and Jeep showroom.

The Mitchells have sold Chryslers, Dodges and Rams in Sims-

bury for years; that business is moving to Canton and the Jeep line is being added.

“Finally we get a Jeep dealership — we’ve been working on that for a decade,” Mitchell said. “The Farmington Valley market was under-served for the Jeep brand. If you were in Canton, Avon, Simsbury, Farmington, you had to go to New Britain, Bristol, Torrington or East Hartford,” Mitchell said. “That’s not the retail traffic pattern here.”

Even with the supply chain failures, computer chip shortages and pandemic-driven market swings, business has rebounded, Mitchell said.

“We’re getting some inventory now. The shortage is easing a little, but it’s still a tough road — the chips and the trucking issues are still a problem,” he said. “We’re all in the same boat. But the demand is still there.”



Two Trinity College seniors place flowers at a streetside memorial for student Jillian Hegarty on April 1. MARK MIRKO/HARTFORD COURANT

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graceful dancer who was active in high school, it said.

At St. Johnsbury Academy, she was a member of the Student Government, the National Honor Society and the Class Council, the obit said.

“She worked countless hours planning and implementing school events and traditions through these roles, encouraging student involvement and fostering school spirit,” the obituary said.

Children looked up to her. In

the dance studio, “Jillian was admired by all the younger dancers and represented the studio with a commitment that inspired everyone,” the obit said. And as a summer camp counselor, she often could be seen “with a gaggle of adoring kids in tow.”

The celebration of life is scheduled for 2 p.m. Friday in Fuller Hall on the St. Johnsbury Academy campus. Instead of flowers, donations may be made in Hegarty’s memory to the school at 1000 Main St., St. Johnsbury, VT 05819, according to the obit.

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Jersey Shore wave,” Wu said. “[The numbers] are rising, but compared to our spikes, they’re not rising quite as fast as previously.”

With the caveat that it’s difficult to know for sure, Wu said he hopes the current uptick will remain relatively minor and pass by the end of April. Wu attributed the region’s apparent ability to withstand BA.2 to its high levels of both vaccine-induced and natural immunity.

“We have a significant amount of people that are somewhat immune, whether through vaccination or through natural immunity from the original omicron,” he said.

This week, Connecticut cut back on COVID-19 data in several ways, reporting a seven-day case count and positivity rate instead of the daily figures the Department of Public Health had shared for more than two years. The state is also no longer reporting negative results of rapid tests, which DPH says accounted for about 10% of total tests the state typically reported.

Dr. Manisha Juthani, the state’s public health commissioner, cautioned last week that the removal of negative rapid tests from the total could cause an artificial increase in the positivity rate the state reports.

cases out of 58,767 tests over the past week, for a positivity rate of 4.9% — up from 3.3% the seven days prior and the highest in a seven-day period since February.

Connecticut’s average of 410 daily cases over the past week is up slightly from recent weeks, though down from more than 10,000 at one point in January. Unvaccinated residents have been about three times as likely to test positive in recent weeks as vaccinated residents, according to state numbers.

As of Thursday, 25 of Connecticut’s 169 municipalities remain in the state’s “red alert” category, meaning they have averaged at least 15 daily cases per 100,000 residents over the past week.

Currently, Fairfield is the Connecticut municipality with the highest rate of new COVID-19 cases, followed by South Windsor, Madison, Guilford and Greenwich.

Under the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s new guidance, all eight Connecticut counties are recording “low” levels of COVID-19 transmission, meaning that masking is not considered necessary there.

**Hospitalizations:** As of Thursday, Connecticut had 127 patients hospitalized with COVID-19, up 39 from a week prior and the fewest at a time in nearly a month.

Many of those patients, officials say, are “incidental” cases, meaning they were admitted for

non-coronavirus reasons before testing positive upon arrival.

**Deaths:** The 19 deaths Connecticut reported Thursday were the fewest in a single week since last October, before the state’s winter surge. All 19 people who died were unvaccinated, according to state data.

COVID-19 deaths, which typically lag other metrics by several weeks, have dipped in recent months, returning to pre-omicron levels.

The United States has now recorded 984,048 COVID-19 deaths, according to the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University.

**Vaccinations:** As of Thursday, 94.8% of all Connecticut residents and 95% of those 5 and older had received at least one COVID-19 vaccine dose, while 78.6% of all residents and 82.8% of those 5 and older were fully vaccinated, according to the CDC.

Additionally, 51.2% of fully vaccinated residents have received at least one booster dose.

The CDC warns that booster shots are sometimes misclassified as first doses, likely inflating the reported number of first-dose coverage and understating the true number of people who have received boosters.

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**Cases and positivity rate:** Connecticut has reported 2,870

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# More than 20K rental aid requests pulled

Majority of incomplete applications closed due to landlords’ inaction

By Ginny Monk  
CT Mirror

The state pulled more than 20,000 incomplete rental assistance applications from consideration last week — the vast majority of which lacked only information from one party — underscoring the need for more help as Connecticut residents recover from the pandemic.

The state program required information from both the landlord and the tenant. Only about 500 applications lacked information from both parties, meaning in other cases, the applicant who completed their paperwork didn’t get assistance because their landlord or tenant didn’t finish their portion.

UniteCT, which provides assistance to people who fell behind on rent payments during the COVID-19 pandemic, launched in March 2021. The federally funded program has helped more than

37,000 households by providing payments to nearly 8,500 landlords. The state set a deadline of March 31, 2022, to complete applications.

Congress approved funding for the program in two rounds, aiming to prevent a deluge of evictions earlier in the pandemic when many lost income during shut-downs. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention also issued a since-overturned moratorium on most evictions for nonpayment of rent, citing a need to keep people out of congregate living centers such as homeless shelters to stop the virus’ spread.

“The UniteCT program, per programmatic guidelines from US Treasury, was designed to operate as an emergency rent relief program,” spokesman Aaron Turner said in an emailed statement. “To that end, we believe the program has operated as intended, which was to respond to the emergency.”

Across the country, including in Connecticut, the need for help paying rent has outpaced available dollars, experts have said. Eviction filings have been rising in Connecticut for the past few

months.

Barbara Shaw, executive director at nonprofit Hands on Hartford, said her organization has already started seeing more requests for services from people struggling to make rent. The group has a small rent assistance fund, and Shaw said she’s been getting several calls per week, some of them from people who are “really quite desperate.”

In February, the group got 115 calls from people seeking help with housing-related expenses. In March, that number more than doubled to 245 calls, Shaw said.

The state Department of Housing plans to apply for more UniteCT funding through the U.S. Department of Treasury later this month, Turner said. The federal government has reallocated money from states that were slower to dole out their dollars to a handful of other states.

The program had about \$400 million set aside for rental and utility assistance. Nearly \$245 million has been given out, and the rest is marked as “payments in progress” on a state dashboard. The state offers up to \$15,000 in assistance per household.

UniteCT stopped accepting new applications in February.

Applicants whose cases were thrown out received either a text message or an email April 1 showing that their statuses had been changed from “in progress” to “closed,” Turner said.

About 9,500 cases were closed because the landlords were waiting for their tenants to complete applications. Close to 500 were closed because neither party finished their portion, Turner said.

Landlords, some of whom waited months without receiving rental payments, have complained about difficulties getting money through the program because of delays, uncooperative tenants and a lack of communication.

But the largest number — about 10,700 — were closed because tenants were waiting for their landlords to complete the applications, Turner said in an email.

Attorneys who represent tenants in eviction cases have said that many landlords are reluctant to participate in the program.

Pamela Heller, a staff attorney at the Connecticut Fair Housing Center, said she had a client whose

application was closed because her out-of-state landlord didn’t complete the application.

“We have had calls from people within the last week who have stated ‘My landlord hasn’t participated.’ At least a couple last week that had that pattern,” Heller said.

As the state’s program stopped accepting new applications, some shelters and service providers have said they’ve seen more need.

At places like Hands on Hartford, there are also more people coming into day shelters because many of the winter shelters and warming centers have closed for the season, Shaw said.

They’ve seen about 50 to 60 more people coming to the day center per week for a place to stay, use the restroom or charge a phone.

“We believe strongly that all of us humans need a safe, secure place to call home, for ourselves, for our spouses or our children or grandchildren,” she added. “This has always been a concern but it’s gotten worse since COVID, since UniteCT [stopped accepting new applications], since the eviction moratorium.”

REVIEW

## An emotional, ethical view of human cloning

Backyard Theater’s ‘A Number’ is a touching story of being yourself — and second chances

By Christopher Arnott  
Hartford Courant

Caryl Churchill’s drama “A Number” can really do a number on you. Luckily, Backyard Theater Ensemble gave this difficult yet engrossing play about personal identity and parental control a laid-back, matter-of-fact presentation that helps you grasp its nuances and complexity.

Churchill may be best known for shows she wrote in the 1970s and ’80s such as “Cloud 9” (which Hartford Stage staged in 2017), “Top Girls” and “Serious Money,” but she’s remarkably prolific and contemporary, producing nearly one play a year for the past half-century. Since she likes to write about current political events or social issues, some of Churchill’s work has a limited shelf life, but it also gives her work immediacy and that special energy that comes from yelling at the news on your TV or phone.

“A Number,” penned in 2002, could be seen as a response to the debate over cloning that began with the widely publicized cloning of a sheep named Dolly in 1996. As this production shows, the play remains relevant. Some elements of it, in an age of social media makeovers and enhanced appreciation of self-identification issues, have gained priority over the scientific ethics and privacy issues also in the play.

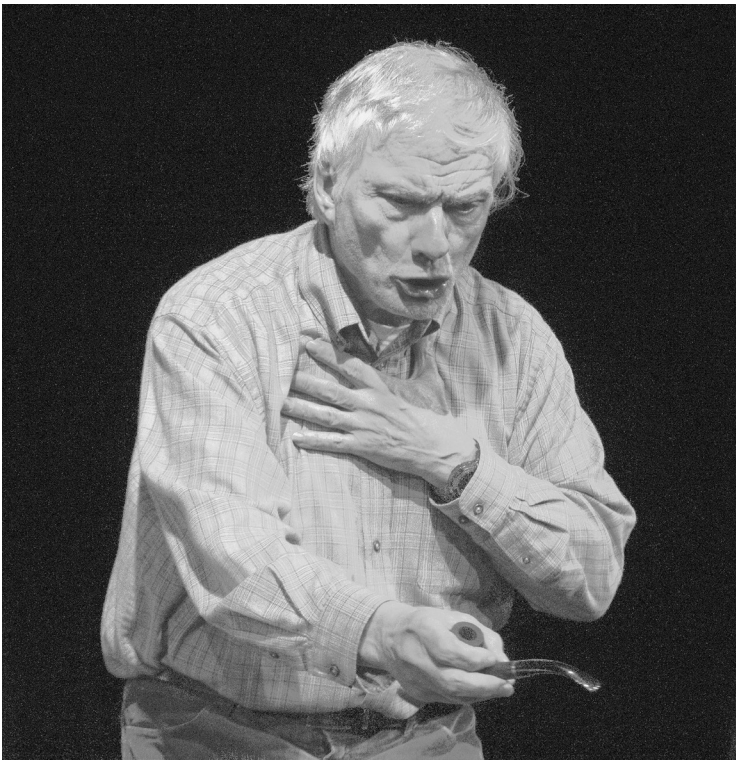
The other thing about Churchill is that she doesn’t just pose intriguing arguments, she finds fresh and fascinating ways to present them. “A Number” isn’t just a

great conversation, it’s a great theatrical concept. An elderly man named Salter has his son cloned so that he might correct mistakes he feels he made as a parent. He has found that the doctors who did the cloning have created other clones from the same person. Salter not only wants to sue, but he finds himself curious about these other clones. “A Number” is structured so Salter has separate discussions with his son and two of the clones. All three of those characters — named Bernard 1, Bernard 2 and Michael Black — are played by the same actor with light costume changes and no cheesy attempts to alter facial features.

The premise seems like science fiction, but “A Number” doesn’t touch any of the cloning clichés from popular culture. There are absolutely no wacky high jinks with lookalike twins, no identity theft deceptions and no apocalyptic prophecies based on science run amok.

“A Number” is a touching human story about emotional well-being. It’s about wanting a second chance, deserved or otherwise. It’s about being yourself, even when it’s disturbing to realize that other very similar selves are out there.

There are several simultaneous ethical arguments at work here: The idea of creating a duplicate child so that you get a second chance at parenting, creating clones of someone without their knowledge, not knowing or monitoring what cloned people get up to and, of course, the idea of cloning humans in general.



Mike Zizko in “A Number,” staged by Backyard Theater Ensemble at the Hole in the Wall Theater in New Britain. **EMILY NESHA STREIM/COURTESY**

**IF YOU GO:** The final performances of “A Number” by Caryl Churchill, directed by Teresa Langston for Backyard Theater Ensemble, are April 8 and 9 at the Hole in the Wall Theater, 116 Main St., New Britain. \$25, \$20 students & seniors. Masks required. Find more info at backyardtheater.org.

Backyard Theater Ensemble is a 10-year-old theater company that has performed in many different spaces around the state, as well as virtually. It has done several of its shows at the Hole in the Wall Theater space in New Britain, a company with which it has a lot in common. Both Backyard and Hole in the Wall have done plays by Tennessee Williams and Sam Shepard in recent years. Backyard staged Qui Nguyen’s “She Kills Monsters” virtually in 2020; Hole in the Wall is doing it in May.

Churchill’s script balances the abstract (casual ubiquitous cloning) with the realistic (detailed psychological issues and fashion choices). For its set design, Backyard Theater Ensemble goes with a mix of some ratty, comfy furniture and a hipster wall hang-

ing, and that’s it. Most of the atmosphere is conjured cleverly through sound and light. There are intentional, very long pauses between scenes and meditative periods that are made a part of the overall experience. The lights change for each of these interludes, and the music ranges from Nine Inch Nails to Max Richter.

Director Teresa Langston and the actors, especially Mike Zizka as Salter, go for a heightened sense of everyday anxiety. Zizka stammers and shuffles and mutters very convincingly as a weary man trying to make sense of his life. Ryan Wantroba as his three sons (or rather one son and his clones) has a trickier job, differentiating them without making it seem too phony or theatrical.

“A Number” doesn’t respond well to any one overarching style or attitude. It’s a fluid piece that asks one to bend with it. Backyard Theater Ensemble comes close, and, most importantly, proclaims the play’s message strongly and clearly, bringing it into the present day.

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## Hartford’s top cop to attend FBI training

Assistant police chief to stand in for Thody during 10-week course

By Jesse Leavenworth  
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HARTFORD — Hartford Police Chief Jason Thody is attending the FBI’s National Academy for law enforcement leaders in Virginia through June 9, city officials announced.

Assistant Police Chief Kenny Howell is serving as acting chief, according to a news release. Howell worked for 22 years in the New Haven Police Department and three years as police chief in Millbury, Massachusetts.

The National Academy includes courses on managing organizational change, advanced investigative strategies for violent crime, advanced concepts of wellness and vitality, breaking barriers and building community, leading at-risk employees, emotional intelligence, the cyber threat landscape for law enforcement, critical incident leadership, the psychology of communication, and critical analysis of present-day policing, among others.

“We are very proud of Chief Thody’s selection,” Mayor Luke Bronin said. “This is a time of swift change and enormous challenge in policing nationally, and Chief Thody’s participation in this academy presents an important opportunity to ensure that the Hartford Police Department remains a leader in adopting and implementing best practices.”

“I am honored to have been selected for this prestigious training,” Thody said. “This is an opportunity to better myself and the department so we can collectively better serve the Hartford community ... I am excited to learn from the diverse group of instructors and attendees and share our Hartford successes and experiences with them.”

Thody will keep in touch with city and police administrators, attending meetings remotely, and return on some weekends to attend city events and catch up on necessary paperwork, the release said.



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## Extras sought for movie filmed at Wethersfield High

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WETHERSFIELD — A movie being shot for three days between April 11 and 14 at Wethersfield High School is looking for background extras to play high school students.

“We’re shooting it while the school is on spring break,” said film director Erik Bloomquist, who is from Newington. “We want the background to look

populated with teenagers. We’re especially looking for guys.”

The movie, which is still untitled, is a musical romantic dramedy, adapted from a short Bloomquist made in 2018. Bloomquist called the plot “La La Land meets Glee.” There is no release date yet.

The background extras will not be paid, but they will be fed.

“The background work is for people who like being around moviemaking and seeing how it

works,” Bloomquist said. As per union regulations, all background actors must be vaccinated and boosted.

Bloomquist created the CPTV drama “The Cobblestone Corridor.” One of that show’s cast members, Taylor Turner, wrote the screenplay to this movie. It is being produced by Mainframe Pictures, founded by Bloomquist and his brother, Carson Bloomquist.

Mainframe Pictures has

released several other movies shot in Connecticut, including “Christmas on the Carousel”; the romantic comedy “Weekenders”; and the horror thrillers “Night at the Eagle Inn” and “She Came from the Woods.”

Those interested in being an extra at the Wethersfield shoot should email [wethersfieldmovie@gmail.com](mailto:wethersfieldmovie@gmail.com).

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## Wooden

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today, the best thing I can do is put my own ambitions aside and put them first.”

Wooden, then a partner at Day Pitney, took office in January 2019. Previously, he was president of the Hartford City Council and chairman of the council’s budget and finance committee.

In his announcement, Wooden noted some of the accomplishments of his term, including restructuring the teachers’ pension fund, credit rating

upgrades and paying down the state’s pension fund liabilities as well as creating the Baby Bond Trust program aimed at breaking the cycle of poverty in Black and brown families.

Gov. Ned Lamont credited Wooden with helping bring about a “financial turnaround” in the state.

“Treasurer Wooden has been a great partner to my administration in helping get Connecticut’s fiscal house in order, stabilizing our financial future, borrowing in a responsible manner that reduces spending, and making consistent payments to decrease our state’s

long-term fiscal obligations,” Lamont said. “Together, we’ve helped bring a financial turnaround in Connecticut that has resulted in multiple credit rating agency upgrades. I appreciate his partnership in righting our fiscal ship, and I wish him and his family nothing but the best in their next endeavors.”

Attorney General William Tong, who was elected at the same time as Wooden, wished him the best and called him a great partner and an “effective and responsible steward of the state’s financial and pension assets, and contributed significantly to our state’s strong

financial standing.”

He has been a change maker nationwide on diversity and inclusion as the only Black elected Treasurer in the country, and has made Connecticut proud as the President of the National Association of State Treasurers,” Tong said.

U.S. Rep. John Larson also praised Wooden.

“Shawn Wooden has been a phenomenal treasurer. I have been proud to work with him over the past few years on creating a national Baby Bonds program. His decision to not seek reelection is a loss for the State of Connecticut,

but I know his public service isn’t over. I wish him and his family well,” Larson said.

During his time in office, Wooden has spoken out publicly about racial injustice and his own experience of racism and won praise for efforts to shape gun policy by divesting from gun-related businesses and prioritizing financial services firms that have embraced gun control policies.

In taking the treasurer position, Wooden followed Denise Nappier, also of Hartford, who served 20 years as the country’s first African American woman elected to state treasurer.



# From Hollywood outsider to best picture winner

Becoming first streamer to nab top prize at Oscars a ‘game changer’ for Apple TV+

By **Ryan Faughnder and Wendy Lee**  
Los Angeles Times

It was only three years ago when Hollywood was looking at Apple with intense skepticism. Before launching its streaming service Apple TV+ in late 2019, the iPhone maker had confused traditional film and television industry players with a presentation that was heavy on star power — Oprah Winfrey, Steven Spielberg plus a Sara Bareilles musical performance — and light on actual programming. To some filmmakers and agents, the California tech giant’s seemingly cautious approach to content exposed a culture clash between entertainment and Silicon Valley — one that seemed as if it would hinder the company’s ability to compete with Netflix and Walt Disney Co.’s Disney+. Now with a best picture Oscar in hand for Sian Heder’s family drama “CODA,” Apple can wave gold-plated hardware in the face of its critics. The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences bestowed Apple with its highest achievement, making it the first streaming company to take best picture. Apple beat Netflix to the punch. Netflix has spent tens of millions of dollars campaigning for Oscars over the last few years, winning key awards, including Alfonso Cuarón’s directing achievement for “Roma,” and securing seven best picture nods, all still without nabbing the cherished top statuette. Apple did it with its first best picture nominee, a small,

quiet indie film it acquired at the 2021 Sundance Film Festival for a record-breaking \$25 million. Congratulating the filmmakers and cast, Apple Chief Executive Tim Cook tweeted, “Team CODA created a profoundly beautiful movie, a story of hope and heart that celebrates our differences.” Daniel Ives, a managing director at Wedbush Securities, called the best picture win a “game changer” for Apple TV+, and said the win will help encourage more talent to work with the streamer as it takes on its rivals. Still, Netflix, Amazon Prime and Disney+ are far ahead of Apple in terms of subscribers, which is the metric that really matters. “They’ve been waiting for validation of the platform and ultimately the awards,” Ives said. “It’s a huge validation, not just from a talent perspective, but especially when it comes to consumers.” The Apple TV+ subscriber base remains small — with an estimated 25 million paid customers — considering there are 975 million active iPhones in the market, Ives said. For comparison, about 222 million people subscribe to Netflix globally. Netflix and Amazon have broadened their film strategies in recent years to focus on releasing more popular movies, rather than just chasing critical acclaim. Netflix has put out several blockbuster-like movies with marquee-busting casts, such as “Red Notice” and “The Adam Project.” The Apple streamer, meant to expand the company’s revenue in subscriptions under its



Emilia Jones and Troy Kotsur in “CODA,” which recently won three Academy Awards, including best picture. **APPLE TV+**

larger services business, opened with just nine programs in 2019. The shows received mixed reviews, but “The Morning Show” and “Dickinson” earned early devotees. Since then, Apple’s TV programming has expanded and earned accolades, especially the hit comedy “Ted Lasso,” which amassed an impressive seven Emmys last year. The new psychological thriller series “Severance,” directed by Ben Stiller, has earned widespread praise from critics, signaling Apple’s ambitions in the space. Its original film unit has been slower to gain traction. It put out movies such as Sofia Coppola’s “On the Rocks,” the Tom Holland crime drama “Cherry” and the Tom Hanks sci-fi film “Finch,” but nothing has made much of a splash in mainstream culture. “CODA’s” win marks a breakthrough. The film is about a deaf family who relies on their only hearing member, Ruby, to inter-

pret for them and help them navigate the fishing community in Gloucester, Massachusetts. But Ruby has aspirations of her own to pursue a music career. “CODA” won all three awards for which it was nominated, with Troy Kotsur recognized as supporting actor and Heder winning for adapted screenplay. Kotsur is the first deaf male to win an acting Oscar. Apple was also nominated in three categories for Joel Coen’s “The Tragedy of Macbeth,” starring Denzel Washington, who was up for lead actor. “It’s a new kid in the block relative to streaming. Many within the Hollywood elite always viewed Apple as kind of an outsider and never really took its content effort seriously,” Ives said. “It would be viewed as a groundbreaking achievement for Apple where I think many within Hollywood never thought Apple would get within a sniff of the Academy Award

ceremony.” Ives estimates that Apple spends roughly \$7 billion a year on streaming video content, which is far less than the estimated \$19 billion Netflix is expected to deploy on programming this year. Apple is readying some big swings in film, agreeing to finance Martin Scorsese’s adaptation of “Killers of the Flower Moon,” a vehicle for Leonardo DiCaprio that is said to have a budget of some \$200 million. Apple TV+ still has a much smaller library than Netflix and Amazon, which recently closed an \$8.45-billion acquisition of MGM and its 4,000-film catalog. With rivals ramping up after significant head-starts, Apple will have to keep churning out hits to compete effectively. Apple released “CODA” with relatively little fanfare in August in limited theaters and on Apple TV+. After the Oscar nominations were announced, the company put the film

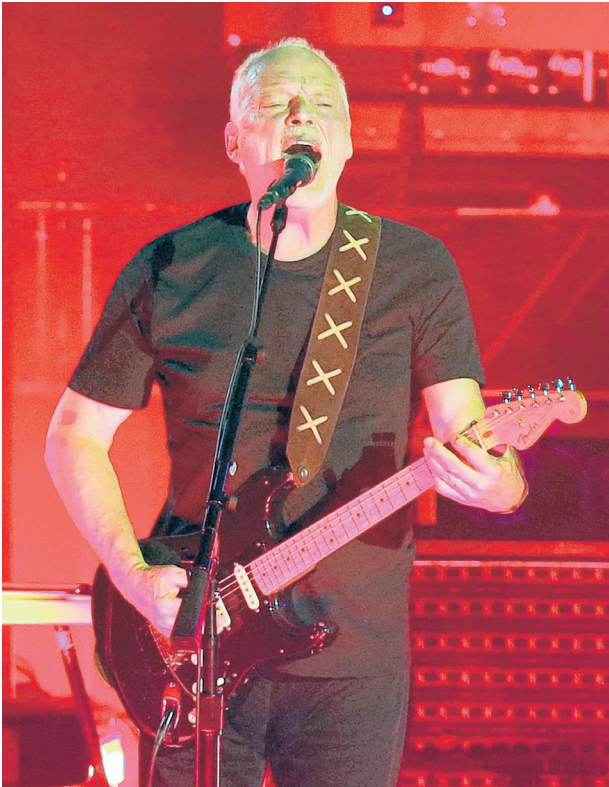
in theaters in major U.S. cities and in London. The company blanketed social media and LA billboards with “for your consideration” ads for “CODA,” and promoted the movie through device screens on display at Apple Stores. But Oscar voters don’t vote for the campaigns. They award the movies themselves, and this is where Apple had an advantage, with the kind of uplifting personal drama the academy often likes to recognize. “We’ve seen this coming miles away that the streamers are taking over when it comes to character-driven stories, stories that can be told on your TV screen at home that don’t need to be seen in a cinema,” said Tom Nunan, a former studio and network executive who executive-produced the 2006 Oscar winner “Crash.” “Generally speaking, the Oscars celebrate those kinds of movies — character-driven stories.”

## CELEBRITIES

### Pink Floyd records song for Ukraine

From news services

Pink Floyd is releasing its first new music in almost three decades to raise money for the people of Ukraine, the band announced Thursday. “Hey Hey Rise Up” features Pink Floyd members David Gilmour and Nick Mason, with vocals from Ukrainian singer Andriy Khlyvnyuk of the band BoomBox. The track features Khlyvnyuk singing a patriotic Ukrainian song from a clip he recorded in front of Kyiv’s St. Sophia Cathedral and posted on social media. Gilmour, who performed with BoomBox in London in 2015, said the video was “a powerful moment that made me want to put it to music.” After Russia’s invasion, Khlyvnyuk cut short a tour of the U.S. to return to Ukraine and join a territorial defense unit. Gilmour said he spoke to Khlyvnyuk, who was recovering in a hospital from a mortar shrapnel injury, while he was writing the song. “I played him a little bit of the song down the phone line, and he gave me his blessing,” Gilmour said. “We both hope to do something together in person in the future.” The band says proceeds from the song, which was set for release Friday, will go to the Ukraine Humanitarian Relief Fund. “We want to express our support for Ukraine, and in that way show that most of the world thinks that it is totally wrong for a superpower to invade the independent democratic country that Ukraine has become,” Gilmour said. Pink Floyd was founded in the mid-1960s. Original member Roger Waters quit in 1985, and the remaining members last recorded together for the 1994 album “The Division Bell.”



Pink Floyd’s David Gilmour, above, and Nick Mason recorded a song to aid the people of Ukraine. **GREGORIO BORGIA/AP 2016**

**Odenkirk books new AMC show:** AMC has greenlit and fast-tracked a new series, “Straight Man,” starring Bob Odenkirk and premiering next year, the network announced Wednesday. Odenkirk played Saul Goodman in AMC’s “Breaking Bad” before starring as the protagonist of its spin-off “Better Call Saul,” which begins its sixth and final season April 18. Based on the novel of the same name by author Richard Russo, “Straight Man” is “a mid-life crisis tale set at Railton College, told in the first person by William Henry Devereaux, Jr. (Odenkirk), the unlikely chairman of the English department in a badly underfunded college in the Pennsylvania rust belt,” according to the logline. Aaron Zelman and Paul Lieberstein will serve as co-showrunners, and Peter Farrelly has signed on to direct. “I loved Paul and Aaron’s take on Richard’s

excellent, entertaining novel,” Odenkirk said in a statement. **Emmys set for Sept. 12:** The 74th Emmy Awards will be held Sept. 12, airing live on NBC. Nominations for the best in TV will be announced July 12, the television academy and network said Wednesday. The ceremony’s host, producers and other details will be announced at a later date. The Emmys will be held on a Monday, not the usual Sunday, because of “NBC Sunday Night Football.” **April 8 birthdays:** Comedian Shecky Greene is 96. Actor Darlene Gillespie is 81. Singer Peggy Lennon is 81. Songwriter Leon Huff is 80. Guitarist Steve Howe is 75. Actor John Schneider is 62. Singer Julian Lennon is 59. Actor Robin Wright is 56. Actor Patricia Arquette is 54. Actor Taylor Kitsch is 41. Musician Ezra Koenig is 38.



## ASK AMY

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### Abusive mother now solicits funds by lying

**Dear Amy:** My mother often singled me out growing up. She verbally and physically abused me. I tried to maintain a relationship with her when I got older — after all, she is my mother. Over the years, I noticed that my relatives on her side stopped talking to me. There was no explanation as to why. I recently found out that my mother had been telling these relatives I was a heroin addict and “gotten myself into trouble.” She was asking them to send her money because, according to her, she used her savings to “bail me out of trouble.” I have never had a problem with drugs, nor any legal issues. I’ve never borrowed money from my mother! My mother has never been good with money. She declared bankruptcy a few years ago. I’m beyond angry that she used me to have her family send money to her! Should I bother reaching out to my relatives to tell them the truth? Or just cut my losses and carry on with my life?  
— *Tired of Being a Scapegoat*

**Dear Scapegoat:** Yes, you should reach out to your relatives and tell them simply and plainly the truth about your own life. Compose a letter or email. Word it carefully. Express something along these lines: “I have recently become aware that my mother has told you that I have drug problems or other legal problems, and has used this as a reason to accept money from you. This is not true, and I’m concerned that you might

be giving her money under false pretenses. I have never needed or accepted any money from Mom, but I am aware that she has had financial troubles of her own. I’m not sure what is going on with her, but I miss you all very much, and would really like to be in touch. I am doing very well (let them know a few details about your life) and am looking forward to hearing from you.” **Dear Amy:** My only daughter has been married for 15 years, and they have three children. About twice a year, I invite her out for a girls’ night. We usually go to a movie and will then try a new restaurant. Her husband will then complain that we chose a movie that he was wanting to see and that he would have liked to try that restaurant. He thinks I should invite him to come along. Amy, most women enjoy having a girls’ night out, and men enjoy having a men’s-only activity. Her husband is a little shy and doesn’t make friends easily. I don’t want to stop our girls-only night out, but I don’t want him to gripe at her about it, either. Any advice?  
— *Girls Only?* **Dear Girls:** I do agree that it can be liberating and empowering to spend some leisure time away from spouses and children. And yes, your daughter spending an evening a couple of times a year enjoying some solo time with her mother does not seem like an onerous burden for the left-behind spouse.

If your son-in-law complains, you should work hard to understand that he isn’t criticizing you, but perhaps he doesn’t have the friendship or family ties to have these experiences, himself. He wants in! And yes, it would be good for everyone if you made an effort to ensure that he feels very much a part of your family. (Also, maybe volunteer to babysit the kids so these two can go out together!) If he “gripes at her” about your night out, then that’s primarily her issue to deal with. If she passes this along to you, you could ask her what she believes might be behind his complaints and invite her to talk about it. **Dear Amy:** A writer named “Madison” complained about her prospective bridesmaid’s “hideous” tattoos. Of course, you sided with her. Tattoos are important personal expressions. They are part of the person who chooses them. Covering them up is not an option.  
— *Inked and Proud* **Dear Inked:** I am not anti-tattoo. This particular bride was doing what many brides do — she was trying to control the way her attendants looked. I only affirmed her right to ask these women to cover up during her wedding. I assume they might refuse. Copyright 2022 by Amy Dickinson Distributed by Tribune Content Agency

# Linklater blasts into his past for animated film

‘Apollo 10 ½’ an affectionate ode to childhood in Texas

By Jake Coyle  
Associated Press

Bike rides, kickball, Jiffy Pop, Jell-O and other well-remembered details crowd Richard Linklater’s “Apollo 10 ½: A Space Age Childhood,” an affectionate ode to his childhood growing up outside Houston in the late 1960s.

NASA and the moon mission are just next door, as are other scientific marvels (Astroturf!). But the sense of wonder that permeates “Apollo 10 ½” is felt just as strongly in the neighborhood streets where kids roam with skinned knees. “A Free-Range Childhood” was Linklater’s original subtitle.

Time flows through Linklater’s films. Its passing paced “Boyhood” and punctuated the “Before” trilogy. He has plunged in the 1970s (“Dazed and Confused”) and the 1980s (“Everybody Wants Some!”), and made movies long enough to see his films become indelibly associated with the 1990s.

“It’s never too late to look back on another era and go, ‘Wow, how did we get from there to here?’” Linklater, 61, said recently from his home outside Austin, Texas. “That is our relation, isn’t it? It’s our present selves and our past selves, and the past worlds we lived in.”

“Apollo 10 ½,” now on Netflix, marks Linklater’s third animated film, after “Waking Life” and “A Scanner Darkly.” And while the writer-director’s films have always moved with their own leisurely, philosophical rhythm, “Apollo 10 ½,” especially, radiates a glowing nostalgia for a bygone time — of childhood amid halcyon days of space-age possibility and, as its narrator (Jack Black) describes, “the height of the prank-call era.”



Filmmaker Richard Linklater directs Milo Coy during a live action shoot for “Apollo 10 ½: A Space Age Adventure.” The animated film is loosely based on Linklater’s childhood growing up outside Houston in the late 1960s. **MATT LANKES/NETFLIX**

“I wanted to go back to that time and say what it was like at that moment,” says Linklater. “We fall into hero myths and big stories. Correct me if I’m wrong, but when was the last time the world was focused and united around a human accomplishment?”

This interview with Linklater has been edited for clarity and length.

**Q: What made you want to write this film? Making “Boyhood” prompted something?**

**A:** I just realized by systematically going through where “Boyhood” took me: “Wait, that was a pretty interesting moment to have been alive, to be a kid.” I think that era only gets bigger over time. At the time, you sort of take it for

granted. “Oh yeah, this is going to go on forever.” You extrapolate out the success, and it puts us on Mars by the end of the century. When that didn’t happen, it makes that time even bigger. The idea hit me for the movie as: what an interesting time to be a kid. The wonder of that meets the wonder of being a kid.

**Q: Paul Thomas Anderson’s ‘70 s-set “Licorice Pizza” was motivated in part by capturing a time when a sense of mystery was more ubiquitous. It seems those pre-internet decades seem more and more attractive.**

**A:** There’s a little nostalgia gene in all of us. I don’t think nostalgia is the proper word, even. It’s a kind of a cultural curiosity. What was it like to be alive

then? Kids are fascinated by ancient history. Then you get a little older and your immediate history becomes really relevant once your own interests grow. I don’t trust anyone who’s not interested in history. It’s easy to be nostalgic for a time before you knew much, and that’s what this definitely fits into. Before you really know how the world works. In “Apollo 10 ½,” I intentionally sort of have it both ways. It’s an adult narrator who’s pointing out ironies and abuses more from an adult critique standpoint, in a good-natured way. I couldn’t have approached it any other way. It would be a disservice to the complexity of the time to get too much into his head and not have a bigger critique.

A lot of that I discovered over the years. It amazed me to find out that there was a backlash about the resources being spent (for Apollo 11) — a legit conversation for a society to always been having.

**Q: To have been a skeptic of the moon mission in retrospect doesn’t look so good.**

**A:** No, kind of like being a (Ralph) Nader voter. You’ve got to watch what side of history you may be on. You can’t bring your political ax to every single thing.

**Q: Do you personally fight against nostalgia or embrace it?**

**A:** I’ve been able to make some period pieces, which I think are, by definition, nostalgic, even if it’s

a time you didn’t live in. You mentioned “Licorice Pizza.” Paul was, what, 2 or 3 years old when that takes place? Where does that fit on the nostalgia thing? It’s a time he doesn’t likely remember, but knows it’s interesting culturally, so he picks that year carefully. I picked 1937 (“Me and Orson Welles”). That’s nostalgic, but what for? We’re pre-war, there’s a lot of misery on the horizon. But art is always in the air. Nostalgia is a double-edged sword. I think you can look at the past as long as you do it honestly, without rose-colored glasses. It’s always dangerous to say, “That was a better time for everybody,” which of course was never true. As much as I love the Apollo program, it sort of breaks your heart to look at it and go, “That was also a part of a very exclusionary culture.” Where’s the women astronauts? Where’s anyone of color? They were working behind the scenes. Going back to any time is fraught.

**Q: Still, your movie is foremost a celebration of a more carefree way of living that now seems obsolete.**

**A:** My dad tells the story, “We would just let you out in the morning.” If a parent needed a kid, you would just put your head out the door and go, “Hey, Tommy, come home.” The world closed in on everybody. Everybody got scared. You know, the media scare tactics worked. “There was a child abduction today in St. Louis.” So that’s it, no more unsupervised kid play. You might get turned in if you’re a parent who let your kid run a block away. There’s something good about that free-range play that I think could come back if neighborhoods would just get together and say, “Hey, we’re all going to do this, and it’s going to be cool, and nothing bad is going to happen.” Come on. What are the odds?

## Actors peeling back layers of characters in ‘Winning Time’

By Jonathan Landrum Jr.  
Associated Press

John C. Reilly remembered being enthralled watching “Showtime” basketball with Magic Johnson’s no-look passes and Kareem Abdul-Jabbar’s patented skyhook, but the actor never really knew the back story behind the Los Angeles Lakers dynasty.

Reilly quickly found out after stepping into his role as late Lakers owner Jerry Buss in the HBO series “Winning Time: The Rise of the Lakers Dynasty,” which airs Sundays. The 10-episode series follows the professional and personal lives of the team donning purple and gold in the 1980s, and how the franchise became one of the most revered in professional sports.

“That was the vehicle through which the entire (basketball) world was changed,” said Reilly about the Lakers, which Buss bought in 1979. “From the world of basketball, it was a different thing once Jerry bought the team. He innovated so many things, and he changed the entire world of showbiz. When you think of Kobe, Shaq, Magic, these guys came to LA and became worldwide players. I don’t know if that happens for every team.”

The series stars Reilly along with Quincy Isaiah as Johnson; Jason Clarke as Jerry West; Solomon Hughes as Abdul-Jabbar; Sally Field as Jerry’s mother, Jessie Buss; Hadley Robinson as the young Jeanie Buss; and Adrien Brody, who plays Pat Riley.

The story is based on the book “Showtime: Magic, Kareem, Riley and the Los Angeles Lakers Dynasty of the 1980s” by Jeff Pearlman.

Before portraying Buss, Reilly had heard about his



John C. Reilly, portraying Jerry Buss, standing, in “Winning Time: The Rise of the Lakers Dynasty.” **WARRICK PAGE/HBO**

reputation as a self-made millionaire who became known in Los Angeles for his flamboyant demeanor and for bringing Hollywood entertainment into the NBA landscape. But after reading the script and doing more research on Buss, he learned about him being a chemist, mathematician and just an overall mysterious person.

“It’s like unpeeling the layers of an onion getting to know this guy,” Reilly said. “There are the public facts of what he did, when he bought the team, how much he paid, what he had to do to accomplish that, the big setbacks they went through that first year. But after that first year, he became a private guy. He would get like one interview per year or like a local reporter to talk about the team. Other than that, it was just this kind of mysterious image of this guy who was just really enjoying his life and dating a lot.”

Field, a longtime Lakers fan, said she agreed to participate in the show before reading the script. The actor said the series helped her reminisce about the moments when the Lakers merged its basketball world with Hollywood.

“I am such a big basketball fan, but then the show was about so much more than that,” said Field, who would attend games with her two sons. “It really takes a look at so much. You know, the culture in the ‘70s in LA. Black culture, business culture, a bunch of dysfunctional families and what it is to take these talented athletes out of their homes and just plop them down in the middle of the world, essentially, and what it does to them. So it has a lot to talk about.”

Field said she was impressed by how the series shows the maturation of Jeanie Buss, the current controlling owner and president of the Lakers.

“Young Jeanie wasn’t even allowed to be in the room and at the table yet, but was inserting her young ideas,” Field said. “(Jeanie) was right about bringing dance into it, Hollywood, glamour, movie stars on the court and sitting there right on the edge, and even bringing rock music in during the downtimes. They brought concerts in and used the arena. I don’t think that had been done before.”

## HOROSCOPES

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**Aries (March 21-April 19):**

A past hurt could resurface today — fortunately, it isn’t here to cause fear. While you can acknowledge how those experiences helped shape the person you are today, you’re finally ready and able to handle them in a healthy way that allows you to move forward.

**Taurus (April 20-May 20):**

You might not be able to put your finger on what’s getting you down. Your emotions may not play nice and it could take some extra effort to smile. Fortunately, this dark cloud over your energy should soon pass and you’ll have more energy to do whatever you need to do today.

**Gemini (May 21-June 20):**

Your luck may not start out the best today. It may seem like you can’t catch a break, with unlucky events or forgetful moments. Once the universe is no longer throwing curveballs at you, you can gather more energy. You may even have a breakthrough with a difficult situation.

**Cancer (June 21-July 22):**

Imposter syndrome may strike when you’re not expecting it. You could experience serious worries about not being up for any challenges. There’s no reason to let everyone see you sweat. Keep fears of disappointing others to yourself, and it’s unlikely that anyone will find out.

**Leo (July 23-Aug. 22):**

A fear of looking stupid could hold you back from what you really want. Your pride may be at risk in your mind, but in reality, the people around you likely aren’t concerned. If the possibility of looking silly is all that’s standing between you and your dreams, then set your concerns aside!

**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):**

Anxiety can make current decisions difficult. Listening to your intuition could be hard, but if you really have to make a snap decision, just trust your gut. There’s a difference between anxiety and intuition — one is based on fear, while the other is based on your inner knowledge.

**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):**

A disagreement could stress you out. You may feel compelled to change a friend’s mind, but you can’t control their thinking. Once you’ve said what you have to say, try to find a common ground or be sure to let the other person know that you didn’t mean any offense to them.

**Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):**

An unexpected stressor may get on your nerves. This could be someone trying to annoy you or just a circumstance that’s out of your control. Things should improve sooner rather than later. You might be surprised by a friend with some exciting news to give you.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):**

Something that’s normally fun for you might be the cause of your stress today. A pastime that you enjoy or a person that you have fun with may not be putting out good vibes. Instead of giving up, persevere through any rough moments and you can break through into the fun times that you’re used to!

**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):**

You may be projecting a wound from the past onto someone. Something they say or do could incite a big reaction from you. They might not be aware that you feel this way due to an event from the past. Try to explain your position directly — you’ll get a lot further.

**Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):**

Miscommunications can cause strong reactions. Whether you’re the source of the issue or someone else is, the wires were likely crossed, getting the true meaning lost. Reacting emotionally may be your first instinct, but hold back until you know what they were trying to say.

**Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20):**

Your finances may need straightening out. An unplanned bill or a larger expense could put a damper on any plans. However, this is likely a mistake — a little effort on your part to clear things up could save you money. Don’t underestimate what a discussion can change.

## TODAY IN HISTORY

Associated Press

**On April 8, 1513,** explorer Juan Ponce de Leon and his expedition began exploring the Florida coastline.

**In 1911,** an explosion at the Banner Coal Mine

in Littleton, Alabama, claimed the lives of 128 men.

**In 1973,** artist Pablo Picasso died in Mougins, France, at age 91.

**In 1974,** Hank Aaron of the Atlanta Braves hit his 715th career home run, breaking Babe Ruth’s record.

**In 1990,** Ryan White, the teenage AIDS patient

whose battle for acceptance had gained national attention, died in Indianapolis at age 18.

**In 1993,** singer Marian Anderson died in Portland, Oregon, at age 96.

**In 2020,** Sen. Bernie Sanders ended his presidential bid, making Joe Biden the presumptive Democratic nominee to challenge President Donald Trump.

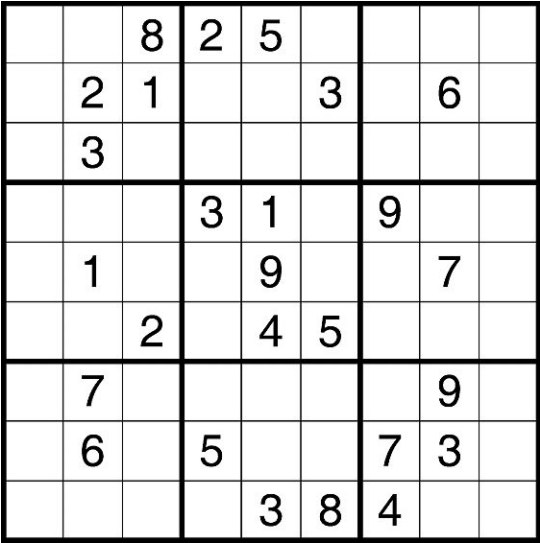
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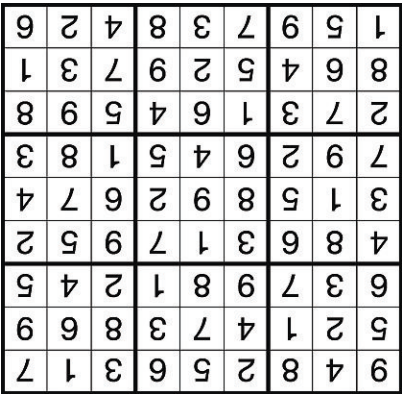
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## WORD SEARCH

### Wordsearch: getting there

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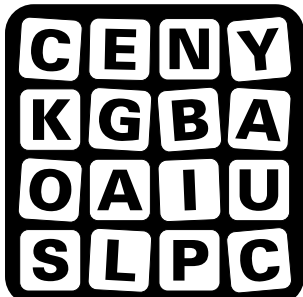
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## BOGGLE



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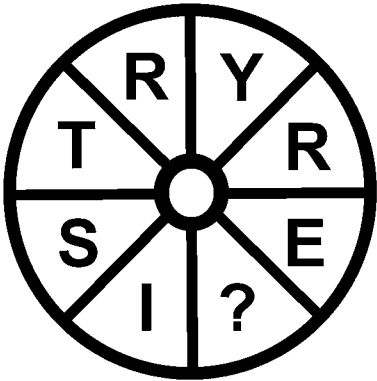
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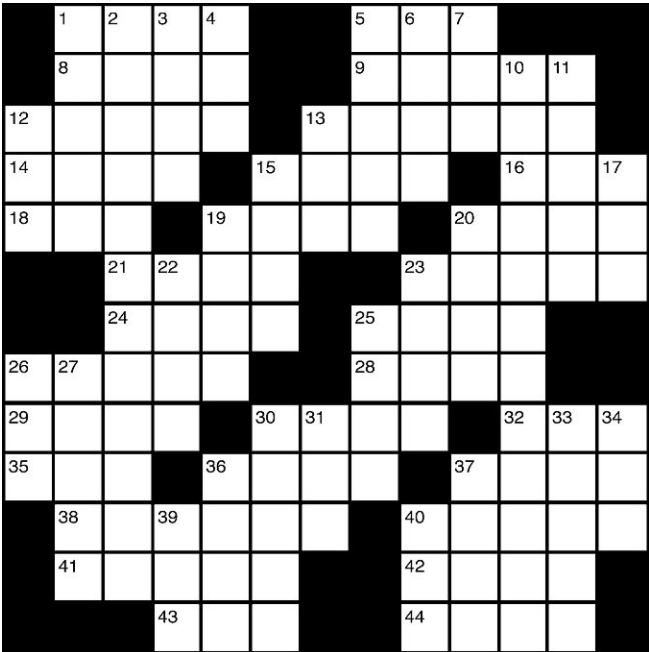


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- Actress Samms
- "A Nightmare on \_\_\_ Street"; Johnny Depp movie
- "Family \_\_\_"
- Disney's elephant
- Older son on "Family Guy"
- Intense unhappiness
- Look searchingly
- Damon or Dillon
- "\_\_\_ Got a Secret"
- Actress MacGraw
- Sitcom for Jamie Farr
- Max of "The Beverly Hillbillies"
- Marvin and Majors
- Skater \_\_\_ Harding
- "\_\_\_ Man Standing"
- Actor Everett
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- Miners' discoveries
- "The Sonny and \_\_\_ Comedy Hour"
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- Role on "Roseanne"



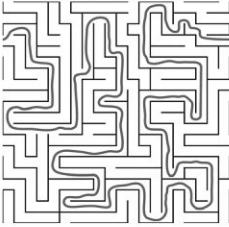
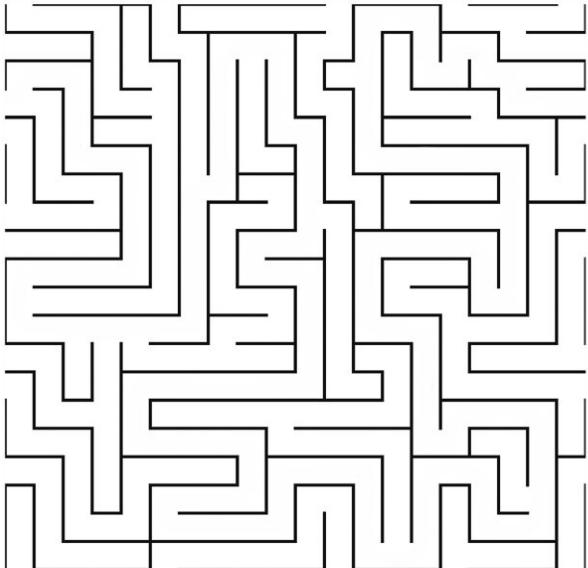
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- Sra. in Paris
- Actor on "NCIS"
- Comment from Fran of "The Nanny"
- Expert accountant, for short
- Bell and Barker
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- All \_\_\_; listening
- "\_\_\_ she blows!"
- Skelton's Kadiddlehopper
- Pea casing
- Up in arms
- "Falcon \_\_\_"
- "I'm with \_\_\_"
- Breakfast side order
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- Not bananas
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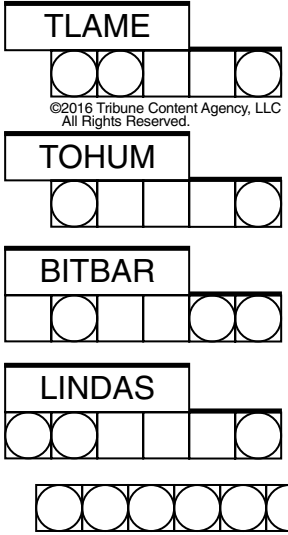
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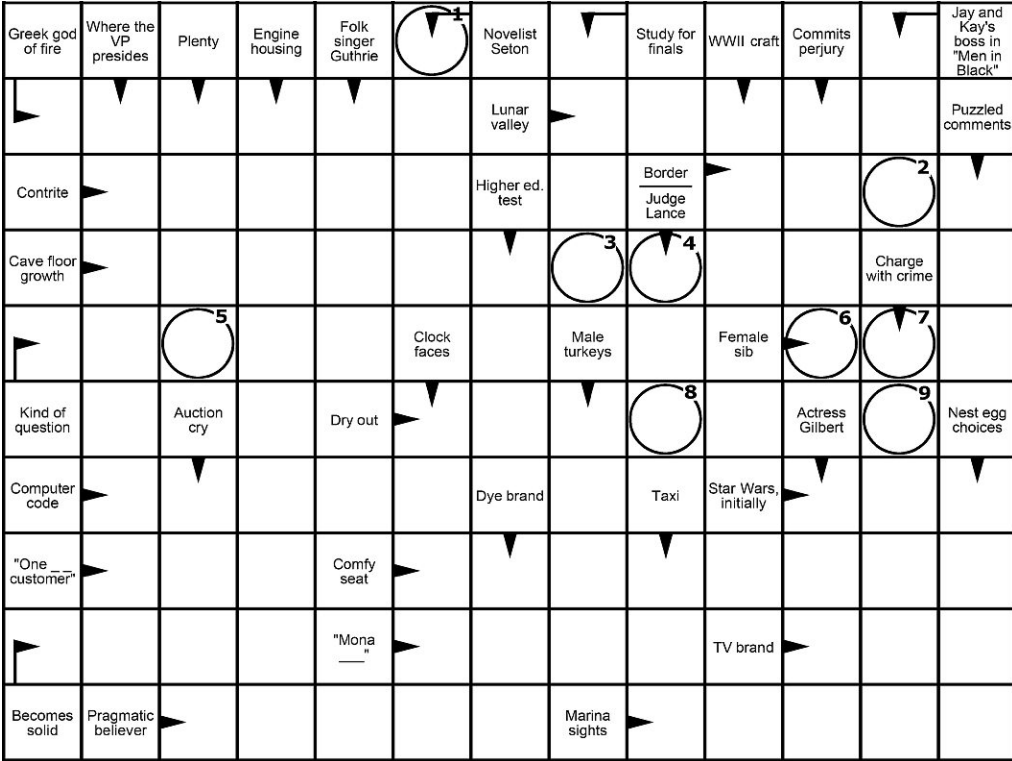
THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



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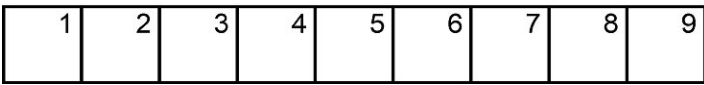
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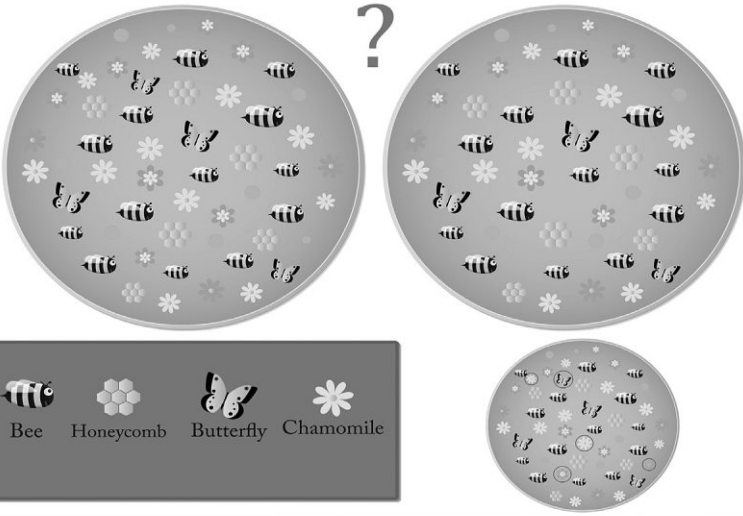


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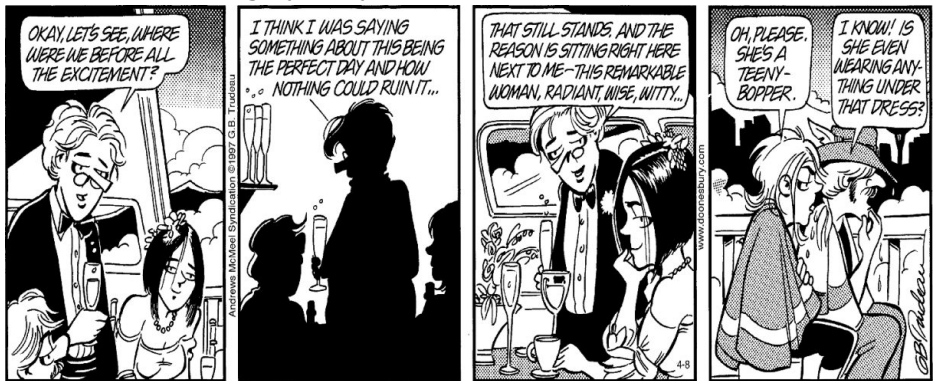
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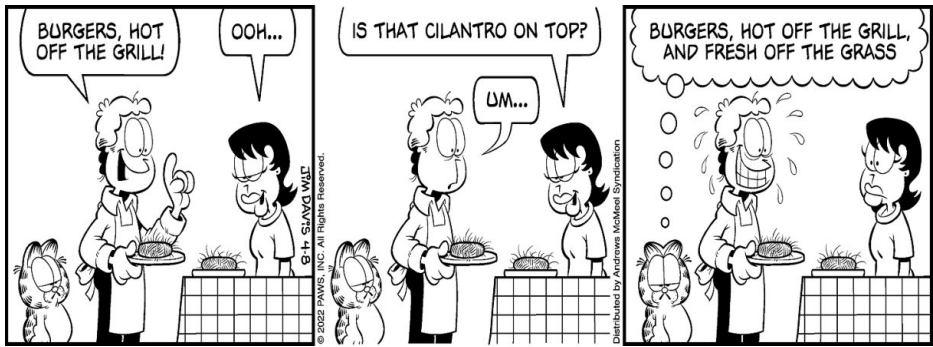
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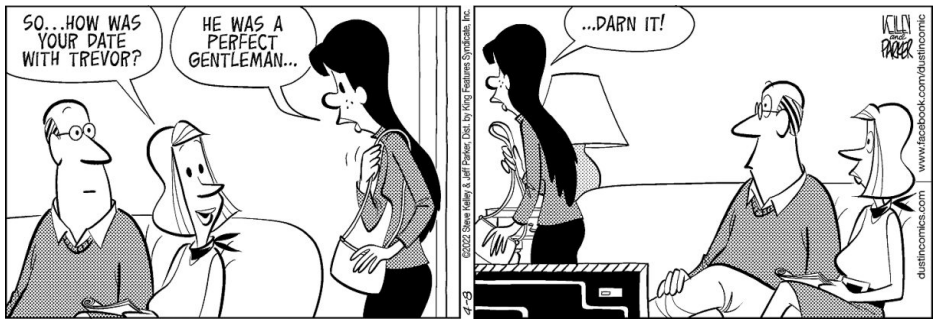
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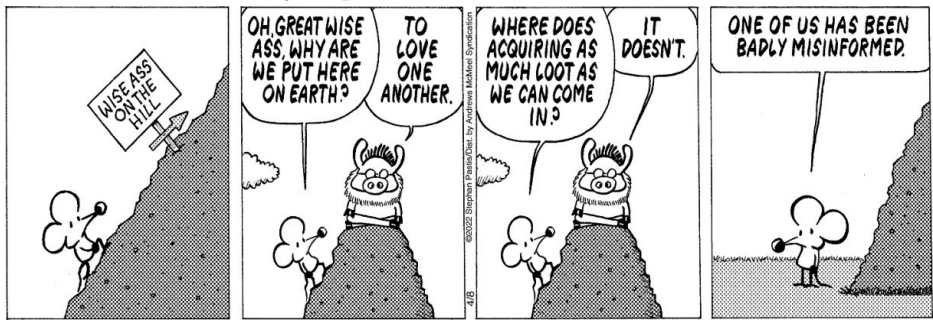
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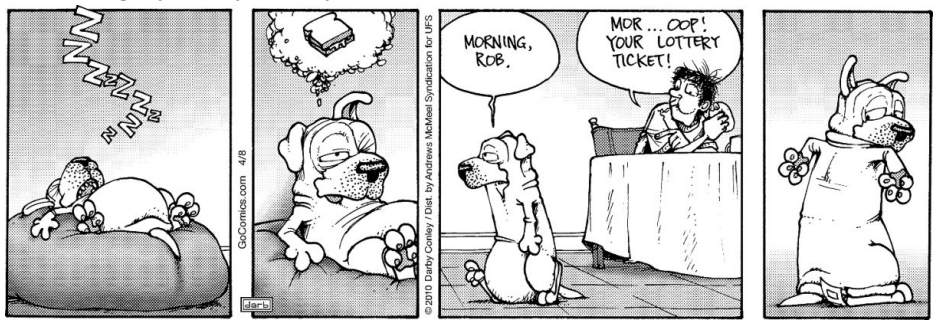
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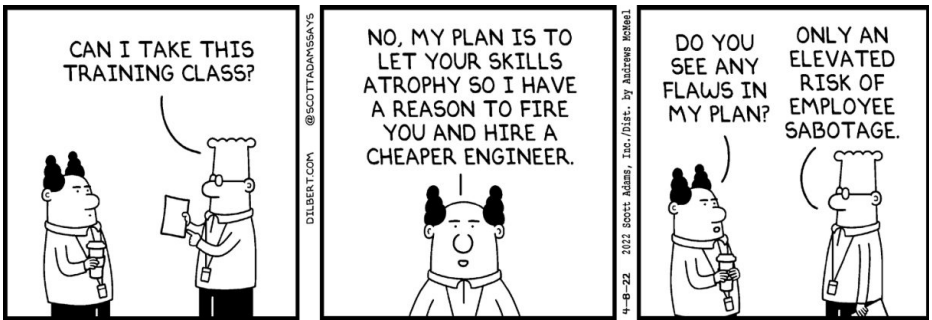
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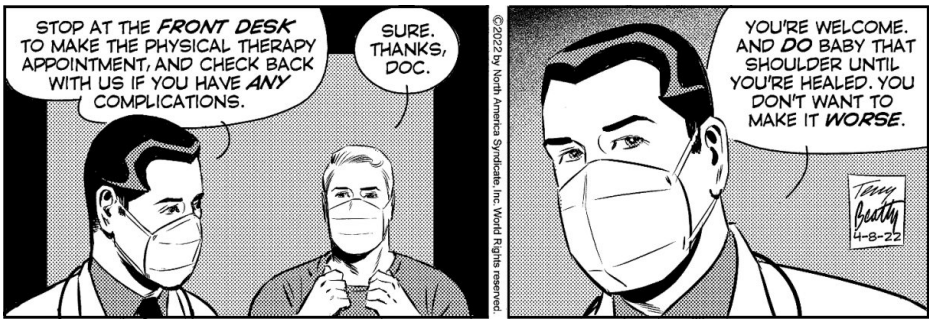
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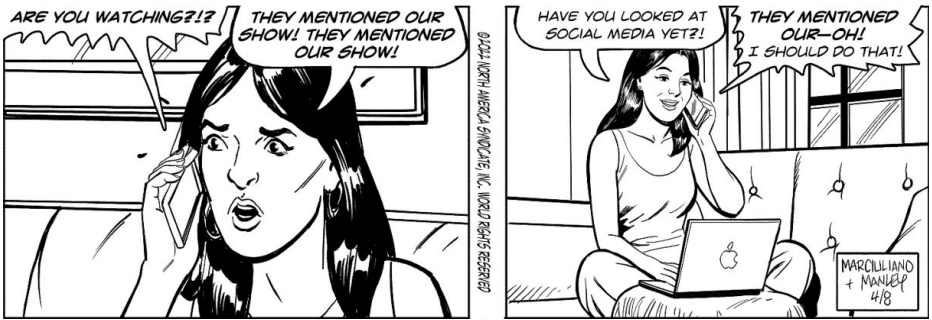
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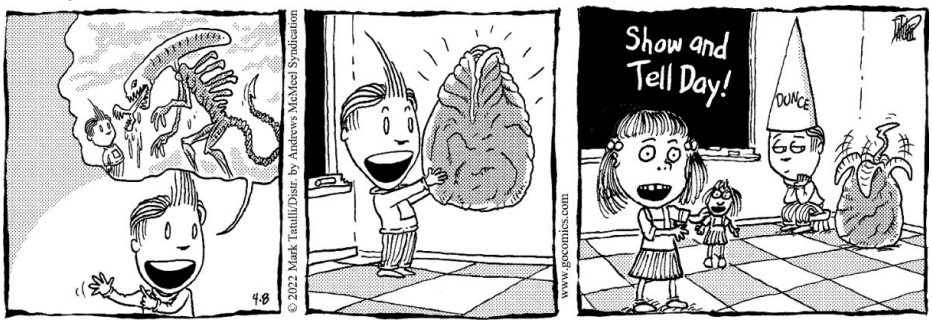
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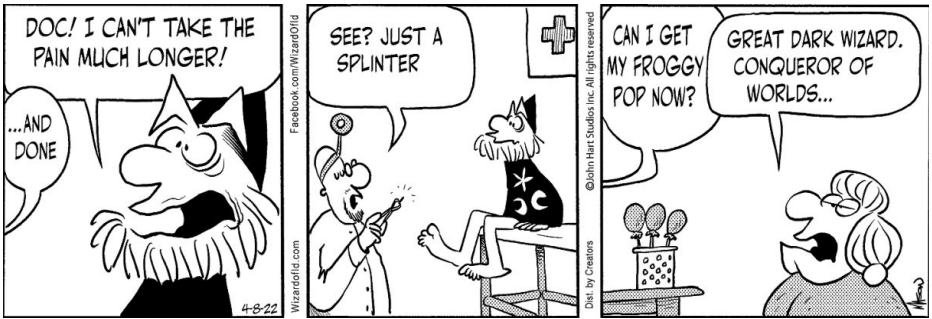
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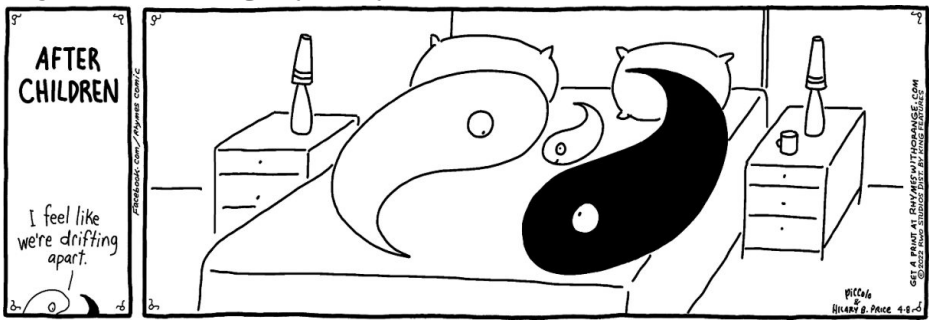
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METS

## Scherzer ready for debut in ‘crazy, wild atmosphere’

By Deesha Thosar  
New York Daily News

WASHINGTON, — Max Scherzer anticipated that his hamstring tightness would take just a few days to clear up, and this is Mets fans’ first lesson that they should have no reason to doubt him.

Scherzer passed all of his tests on Thursday, including fielding drills on the outfield grass at Nationals Park, that convinced the team to let him make his Mets debut on Friday, as planned, against his former team.

“I knew it wasn’t a major injury,” Scherzer said. “I’ve done this a couple of times—had an idea of what it was. You gotta hit your check points as you go through the rehabs, as you’re leading up to the start, and I was able to do that. So I was able to tell Buck (Showalter), ‘Hey look, I’m good to go.’”

The veteran right-hander felt his hamstring tighten up one week ago while running at Clover Park. He was scratched from his Saturday start—less than a day after Jacob

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Mets starting pitcher Max Scherzer walks to the dugout during a workout Wednesday at Nationals Park in Washington. The Mets and Nationals opened their seasons Thursday night. **ALEX BRANDON/AP**

### Inside

Standings, schedule, box scores, today’s pitching comparison, notes and more from opening day. The daily baseball page is back. **Page 3**

RED SOX AT YANKEES

## Starting the season with baseball’s best rivalry

By Peter Abraham  
Boston Globe

NEW YORK — It feels like a waste, the Red Sox and Yankees meeting on Opening Day here Friday afternoon. The first game of the season has enough energy no matter the opponent. It doesn’t need the extra spice of baseball’s best rivalry.

The Red Sox were supposed to open at home against Tampa Bay on March 31 before the lockout pushed the season back a week. So Game 1 instead will be Nate

### Up next

**Red Sox at Yankees**  
1 p.m., NESN, YES

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Eovaldi vs. Gerrit Cole.

The Yankees made a wise move pushing the game back a

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UConn FOOTBALL

## Getting back into the picture

Phommachanh hoping to work way into QB race

By Dom Amore  
Hartford Courant

STORRS — For the spring Tyler Phommachanh is still a spectator, watching UConn football practices from the sidelines or from behind the line as others take the snaps.

But he’s getting closer to joining the quarterback competition, and the old smile is back on his face.

“I feel amazing, I feel great, I feel better than ever,” Phommachanh said after the Huskies’ practice Thursday. “Just glad to be out there with my teammates.”

Phommachanh was the most interesting, exciting thing to happen to the Huskies during the dismal 2021 season. The freshman from Stratford and Avon Old Farms was thrust into the lineup at Army for the fourth game and led his team down the field for a couple of late scores. In his next start he nearly pulled off a major upset against Wyoming, throwing for 171 yards and a TD, before falling short on a potential game-tying two-point conversion on the last play.

“I just try to learn off mistakes I made, the plays I could’ve made better,” he said. “Just get my mental [self] smarter. I’m more proud of the way I handled myself, not getting too high or too low about the moment, just being in that moment with the guys and appreciating it.”

He had UConn moving early in the next game at Vanderbilt when he went down with a torn left ACL that required season-ending surgery.

By the time the season ended, UConn (1-11) had a new coach, Jim Mora, and shortly thereafter a new associate head coach in charge of the offense, Nick Charlton. As they install a new attitude and philosophy there are new quarterbacks to go with it.

“You ask him right now, coach Charlton will tell you our

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### More UConn news

Piath Gabriel leaving women’s basketball team, enters transfer portal. **Page 4**

GOLF THE MASTERS

*“If you would have seen how my leg looked to where it’s at now, the pictures — some of the guys know; they’ve seen the pictures — to see where I’ve been, to get from there to here, it was no easy task.”*

— Tiger Woods, on his return



Tiger Woods hits his tee shot on the eighth hole during the first round of the Masters golf tournament on Thursday in Augusta, Ga. **MATT SLOCUM/AP**

# A return like no other

## Tiger back at Masters, and it already felt like a victory; Im leads field by 1

By Doug Ferguson  
Associated Press

AUGUSTA, Ga. — Tiger Woods playing the Masters again, his shirt as pink as the azaleas at Augusta National, would have been enough reason to celebrate Thursday.

It felt that way to him, too. Woods twirled his club after good shots, and there were enough. He pumped his fist after his longest birdie putt. And then normalcy gave way to reality when he used his wedge as a walking stick for his once-battered and now weary legs for a final climb toward the 18th green. Another par save for a 1-under

71, four shots behind Sungjae Im.

But this wasn’t just about a score. Woods was competing in a major, the first time in 508 days since a car crash some 14 month ago that shattered his right leg. That much was clear when asked if simply being able to play felt like a victory. His answer: “Yes.”

“If you would have seen how my leg looked to where it’s at now, the pictures — some of the guys know; they’ve seen the pictures — to see where I’ve been, to get from there to here, it was no easy task,” Woods said.

It doesn’t figure to get any easier the rest of the way.

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### MASTERS ROUND 1 AT A GLANCE

- **Leading:** Sungjae Im had a 5-under 67 for a one-shot lead.
- **Inspiring:** Tiger Woods, pictured, returning to major competition for the first time since severely injuring his right leg in a car accident in February 2021, shot a 1-under 71.
- **Shot of the day:** Joaquin Niemann provided the first eagle at the par-4 ninth since 2013 when his wedge from 105 yards landed well past the flag and spun back down the slope into the hole.

#### LEADERBOARD

Sungjae Im	32-35—67	-5
Cameron Smith	34-34—68	-4
Dustin Johnson	33-36—69	-3
Joaquin Niemann	33-36—69	-3
Scottie Scheffler	34-35—69	-3
Danny Willett	35-34—69	-3

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**Nets:** Cavaliers, Friday, 7:30 p.m.; Pacers, Sunday, 3:30 p.m.; NBA Play-In Round vs. TBD, date/time TBD  
**Bruins:** at Lightning, Friday, 7 p.m.; at Capitals, Sunday, 1:30 p.m.; Blues, Tuesday, 7 p.m.  
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**7 p.m.:** Rangers at Blue Jays. (Live) SPRTNET  
**8 p.m.:** LSU at Mississippi State. (Live) SEC  
**BASKETBALL**  
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**4 p.m.:** State Champions Invitational: Centennial (NV) at Sidwell Friends (DC). (Live) ESPNU  
**7 p.m.:** Bucks at Pistons. (Live) NBA  
**7 p.m.:** Knicks at Wizards. (Live), MSG  
**7:30 p.m.:** Cavaliers at Nets. (Live), YES  
**9:30 p.m.:** Suns at Jazz. (Live) NBA  
**GOLF**  
**3 p.m.:** Masters Tournament Second Round. (Live) ESPN  
**HOCKEY**  
**7 p.m.:** Bruins at Lightning. (Live), NESN  
**SOCCER**  
**3 p.m.:** Premier League Soccer Newcastle United vs Wolverhampton Wanderers. (Live) USA  
**SOFTBALL**  
**2 p.m.:** NC State at South Carolina. (Live) ESPN2  
**5 p.m.:** Clemson at Pittsburgh. (Live) ACC  
**6 p.m.:** Ole Miss at Kentucky. (Live) SEC  
**8 p.m.:** Arizona State at Oregon. (Live) ESPN2  
**TENNIS**  
**1:30 p.m.:** WTA Tennis Charleston Open, Quarterfinals. (Live) TENNIS



Yankees manager Aaron Boone takes out pitcher Gerrit Cole during the third inning of the American League Wild Card game on Oct. 5, 2021, at Fenway Park in Boston. WINSLOW TOWNSON/GETTY

Rivalry

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day. A steady rain pelted the Bronx all afternoon Thursday as temperatures fell into the low 50s. The forecast is for sun Friday.

It will be a rematch of the American League Wild Card Game from last Oct. 5 that the Red Sox won, 6-2. Cole allowed three runs before being taken out of the game in the third inning to the delight of a bloodthirsty crowd at Fenway Park.

Cole acknowledged that game took a while to get over.

“It’s a sour taste in your mouth,” he said. “It’s just a frustrating game. In this sport, you take the good with the bad. As a competitor, when you lose, it kind of eats at you. There’s a part of me that always carries along the scars that we get when we fall short of what we’re trying to accomplish.”

Counting the Wild Card Game, Cole is 3-3 with a 4.65 earned run average in six starts against the Red Sox since joining the Yankees on a nine-year, \$324 million deal.

“There’s certain days we get to him,” Sox manager Alex Cora said.

That has become a topic of conversation here. Cole has finished in the top four of the Cy Young voting in both of his seasons with the Yankees. But those games against the Sox stick out, especially the playoff game.

“Pretty formidable opponent,” Cole said. “I just kind of see it as two stags locking up in the forest. Somebody’s going to break an antler every once in a while, but nobody’s certainly going to back down.”

Cole later called the cutter he has been working on “another tool in the toolbox.” So somebody has been brushing up on their analogies.

Eovaldi passed on the verbal gymnastics. He has a 3.75 ERA over the last two seasons and made every start. With Chris Sale on the injured list for the fourth time since the start of the 2019 season, Eovaldi has held the Sox rotation together.

This is his third consecutive Opening Day assignment, and he has learned how to handle the responsibility.

“I go about it the exact same way,” Eovaldi said. “I feel like every game is going to have its ups and downs. I’m going to go out there and challenge the strike zone, attack the hitters.

RED SOX-YANKEES NOTES

Bogaerts: Focus is on the season, not his contract

By Julian McWilliams  
Boston Globe

NEW YORK — Xander Bogaerts made it clear that there’s no chance he and the Red Sox will agree to a contract extension ahead of Opening Day Friday. In fact, he offered just a one-word answer to the question.

“No,” Bogaerts said during Thursday afternoon’s media session at Yankee Stadium.

The team has offered the short-stop an extension leading up to this point, but the sides couldn’t come to an agreement.

Bogaerts noted that he’s not upset.

“It didn’t work out, and that’s behind us,” he said. “I really can’t think about that. I really do have a season to prepare for, going out there with the guys and leading us to a really good season.”

Both Bogaerts and Rafael Devers said they don’t want to talk about extensions during the season, that they don’t want to be a distraction.

Bogaerts can opt out of the six-year, \$120 million deal he signed in 2019 at the end of this season. Barring a catastrophic injury, it seems likely that Bogaerts — arguably the best-hitting shortstop in baseball and a Scott Boras client — will exercise that opt-out.



The Red Sox’s Xander Bogaerts reacts after striking out against the Astros in Game 4 of the ALCS on Oct. 19 in Boston. DAVID J. PHILLIP/AP

Since 2018, Bogaerts has a .299/.371/.523 line with 90 homers while ranking sixth among position players with 18.8 Wins Above Replacement (per Fangraphs).

Devers is under contract for two more seasons.

**Donaldson in top spot:** In addition to the standard bloviating about the magic of Opening Day and being excited at the opportunity to compete for a championship again, Yankees manager Aaron Boone sprinkled in some minorly interesting things about the upcoming season. For the very first game, at least, newly acquired third baseman Josh Donaldson will hit leadoff. DJ LeMahieu was the team’s primary leadoff man last year, starting 144 games atop the lineup, but his batting average also fell to its lowest point since 2014, and the infielder dealt with a sports hernia at the end of the year.

Donaldson has only started a game in the leadoff spot seven times in his

career. With LeMahieu’s injury keeping him out of last year’s wild card game, Anthony Rizzo manned the leadoff spot. Rizzo has much more experience hitting first (65 career starts), and while Boone wouldn’t disclose the rest of his Opening Day lineup, slotting Donaldson at the top likely means Rizzo’s left-handed bat will be used to break up the glut of righties.

**Stanton ready for any role:** Giancarlo Stanton, who played just 26 games in the outfield last season compared to 108 as a designated hitter, was asked about his deployment plan for 2022 and how often we’ll see him with a glove.

“I think a few times a week, whenever I can make it work to fit the best lineup,” Stanton shared. “I’ll be ready to go. I enjoy being out there. I feel like I had a solid spring. We’re here now.”

Matthew Roberson of the New York Daily News contributed to this story.

RANGERS 3, PENGUINS 0  
Shesterkina stops 30 as Rangers top Pens

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Frank Vatrano and Artemi Panarin scored in the second period, Igor Shesterkin stopped 30 shots for his fourth shutout of the season and the New York Rangers beat the Pittsburgh Penguins 3-0 Thursday night.

Dryden Hunt added an empty-net goal in the final minute and Mika Zibanejad had two assists for New York, which is 6-1-1 in its last eight games — including three victories against Pittsburgh.

With Pittsburgh captain Sidney Crosby a late scratch with a non-COVID illness, the Penguins produced a meek attack against the Rangers, who also defeated their division rivals 5-1 at Madison Square Garden on March 25 and 3-2 in Pittsburgh on March 29.

Tristan Jarry had 21 saves for Pittsburgh, which has lost four of five and is 2-5-1 in its last eight.

The Rangers inched closer to their first playoff berth since 2017, moving six points ahead of the Penguins for second place in the Metropolitan Division — and home-ice advantage in the first round —with 10 games remaining.

Mets

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deGrom learned he would be shut down from throwing for up to four weeks. While Mets fans panicked, believing they may have lost both of their aces just a week before Opening Day, Scherzer and the club maintained that this was just a “hiccup” and there was hardly anything for which to worry.

As long as Scherzer both makes it through his outing and recovers well from his first start of the season, he should be back on his regular schedule of pitching every fifth day.

Scherzer could not guarantee or predict how many innings he would go on Friday, but he stretched out to 90 pitches in his latest Grapefruit League outing. Mets manager Buck Showalter said Scherzer is “ready to go” as long as the team needs him to, but the Nationals offense must cooperate by keeping his pitch count low.

“This is one of those things you just gotta get in the game and manage the game,” Scherzer said. “I can’t tell you how many pitches I’m going to throw. You just manage what you got. Give it everything that you got and give it everything to try to win.”

The underlying theme of Friday night’s game is that Scherzer for the first time will be pitching against the team that he called home for six-plus years from 2015 to the first half of the 2021 season. Scherzer was traded to the Dodgers last July, two years after winning the 2019 World Series with the Nationals.

YARD GOATS

Season set to open vs. Binghamton: Here’s what you need to know

By Dom Amore  
Hartford Courant

HARTFORD — The long wait for baseball is over. The Yard Goats will take the field at Dunkin’ Donuts Park on Friday night to open the 2022 season against Binghamton, the Mets’ Double A affiliate.

Coming off a 39-79 season, there’s only one direction the Goats can go in the standings and the parent Colorado Rockies have assigned them a strong group of prospects to contend in the Eastern League’s Northeast Division.

“One of the biggest problems I have is going to be finding guys who deserve at-bats their at-bats,” manager Chris Denorfia said. “We have a very deep roster of talented hitters that all need to get their playing time.”

Headlining the top hitting pros-

pects are first baseman Michael Toglia, shortstop Ezequiel Tovar and outfielder Brenton Doyle.

Denorfia, from Binghamton, played 10 years in the major leagues and was named the Yard Goats’ manager in 2020, the season that was eventually canceled due to COVID. Last year’s shortened season was disrupted by COVID, too.

The Binghamton Rumble Ponies feature three of the Mets top position-player prospects in shortstop Rony Mauricio, catcher Francisco Alvarez and third baseman Brett Baty.

Here’s a breakdown of the opening series:

**Probable starters, promotions Friday, 7:05 p.m.:** Hartford’s RH Mitch Kilkeny vs Binghamton’s RH Jose Butto  
**Promotion:** Opening Night festivities

**Saturday, 1:05 p.m.:** Hartford’s LH Nick Bush vs. Binghamton’s RH Marcel Renteria  
**Promotion:** Bark in the Park (Bring your dog to the game for a \$5 ticket.)  
**Sunday, 1:05 p.m.:** Hartford’s RH Garrett Schilling vs. Binghamton’s RH Alex Valverde  
**Promotion:** Kids run the bases following the game.  
**How to watch/listen:** Radio — FM 100.9 or AM 1410 WPOP; Video Stream — MLB.tv; Internet — newsradio1410.heart.com (iHeartRadio app)  
**Players to watch:** Tovar, at shortstop, was named the top prospect in Rockies camp with 11 hits and three homers in 20 at-bats in big-league games. He doesn’t turn 21 until August and will have a sure-handed target in Toglia at first base. A first-round pick from UCLA, Toglia’s lefty power should find the upper deck at Dunkin’ Donuts Park

an easy reach.

**Roster breakdown:** Hartford’s opening day roster has 15 newcomers and 13 who played at least part of 2021 with the Goats. Since moving from New Britain in 2016 the Yard Goats have sent 39 players to the majors. Two on this roster, Tovar and pitcher Noah Davis, are already on the Rockies’ 40-man roster.

**What’s new?:** The 2022 Yard Goats experience will feature several new extreme food options. There’s the footlong dog sprinkled with Flamin’ Hot Cheetos and jalapeno; a “Fat Sandwich” of fried dough full of donut holes; chicken tenders with pickles, honey mustard and red-pepper coulis; a bratwurst with sauerkraut and pretzel bits; and waffle cones full of mac-and-cheese or Buffalo chicken.

**About the Rumble Ponies:** Manager Reid Brignac, a slick-

fielding shortstop for several MLB teams including the Yankees, debuts in Double A after two seasons in the low minors in the Mets’ chain. His bench coach, Mariano Duncan, was the second baseman on the 1996 champion Yankees. Alvarez, Baty and Mauricio, in that order, are considered the top three prospects by mlb.com.

**Binghamton baseball history:** The Mets affiliate has been in Binghamton since 1992. The nickname was always the Mets until 2016 when they chose to rebrand as the Rumble Ponies. The Binghamton franchise, known as the Triplets, played been in both the Eastern and NY-Penn leagues at Classes B, A and AA from the early 1920s until 1968. It was a Yankees farm club from 1932-61 and 1965-68.

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## BASEBALL

# AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Baltimore	0	0	.000	—	—	0-0	0	0-0	0-0
Boston	0	0	.000	—	—	0-0	0	0-0	0-0
New York	0	0	.000	—	—	0-0	0	0-0	0-0
Tampa Bay	0	0	.000	—	—	0-0	0	0-0	0-0
Toronto	0	0	.000	—	—	0-0	0	0-0	0-0

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Kansas City	1	0	1.000	—	—	1-0	W-1	1-0	0-0
Chicago	0	0	.000	½	—	0-0	0	0-0	0-0
Detroit	0	0	.000	½	—	0-0	0	0-0	0-0
Minnesota	0	0	.000	½	—	0-0	0	0-0	0-0
Cleveland	0	1	.000	1	½	0-1	L-1	0-0	0-1

WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Houston	0	0	.000	—	—	0-0	0	0-0	0-0
Los Angeles	0	0	.000	—	—	0-0	0	0-0	0-0
Oakland	0	0	.000	—	—	0-0	0	0-0	0-0
Seattle	0	0	.000	—	—	0-0	0	0-0	0-0
Texas	0	0	.000	—	—	0-0	0	0-0	0-0

### BOX SCORES

#### CHICAGO CUBS 5, MILWAUKEE 4

Milwaukee	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Wong 2b	5	1	1	0	1	.200
Adames ss	5	0	2	1	2	.400
Yelich lf	3	0	0	1	1	.000
McCutchen dh	5	1	2	0	0	.400
Tellez 1b	4	1	2	0	2	.500
Renfroef rf	4	0	1	0	1	.250
Narvaez c	0	0	0	0	0	---
a-Taylor ph	1	0	0	0	0	.000
Caratini c	1	0	1	0	0	1.000
Cain cf	3	1	1	2	1	.333
Peterson 3b	1	0	0	0	0	.000
b-Brssu ph-3b	1	0	0	0	1	.000
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>9</b>	
Chicago	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Ortega dh	2	0	0	0	1	.000
c-Frazier ph-dh1	1	1	1	0	0	1.000
Madrigal 2b	3	0	0	0	1	.000
Contreras c	3	1	0	0	1	.000
Happ lf	4	0	3	2	0	.750
Schwindel 1b	4	0	0	0	0	.000
Suzuki rf	2	1	1	0	1	.500
Wysward cf	4	1	2	0	0	.500
Hidayat 3b	3	0	0	1	2	.000
Hoerner ss	3	1	1	2	1	.333
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>7</b>	

**Chicago** 000 100 210 — 4 10 0  
**Milwaukee** 000 030 20x — 5 8 0

a-grounded out for Narvaez in the 6th. b-walked for Peterson in the 7th. c-dbled for Ortega in the 7th. **LOB:** Milwaukee 9, Chicago 6. **2B:** McCutchen, (1), Cain (1), Adames (1), Caratini (1), Happ 2(2), Frazier (1), **HR:** Hoerner (1), off Burnes. **RBIs:** Cain 2(2), Adames (1), Yelich (1), Wisdom (1), Hoerner 2(2), Happ 2(2). **SB:** Peterson (1), CS: Ortega (1). **SF:** Yelich, Cain, Wisdom. **Runners left in scoring position:** Milwaukee 6 (Cain, Yelich, Peterson 2, McCutchen, Brosseau); Chicago 3 (Wisdom 2, Schwindel). **RISP:** Milwaukee 1for 10; Chicago 1for 7. **Runners moved up:** Cain, Madrigal. **GIDP:** Taylor, Adames, Schwindel. **DP:** Milwaukee 1(Adames, Wong, Tellez); Chicago 2 (Wisdom, Madrigal, Schwindel); Hoerner, Madrigal, Schwindel).

MILWAUKEE	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Burnes	5	4	3	3	3	4	5.40
Ashby, L, 0-1	1½	3	1	1	1	1	6.40
Cousins	1½	1	1	1	0	2	5.75
CHICAGO	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Hendricks	5½	5	1	1	3	7	1.69
Norris, H, 1-0	1	1	2	2	0	0	0.000
Martin, W, 1-0	½	1	0	0	0	0	0.000
Wick, H, 1-0	½	2	1	1	0	0	13.50
Givens, H, 1-0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.000
Robertson, S, 1-1	1	1	0	0	0	1	0.000
Inherited runners-scored: Cousins 1-0, Norris 1-0, Martin 2-2, Givens 1-0. <b>HBP:</b> Hendricks (Narvaez), Cousins (Contreras). <b>Umpires:</b> Home, Ted Barrett; First, Lance Barksdale; Second, Nic Lentz; Third, Nestor Ceja. T: 3:18. A: 35,112 (41,649).							

#### CAREER AB/SO LEADERS

BATTER	AB/SO	AB	SO	AVG
Willie Keeler	63.2	8591	136	.341
Nellie Fox	42.7	9232	216	.288
Lave Cross	41.9	9084	217	.292
Sam Rice	33.7	9269	275	.322
Frankie Frisch	33.5	9112	272	.316
Cap Anson	31.2	10281	330	.334
Nap Lajoie	27.6	9590	347	.338
Doc Cramer	26.5	9140	345	.296
Tris Speaker	25.9	10195	393	.345
Paul Waner	25.2	9459	376	.333
Charlie Gehringer	23.8	8860	372	.320
Jim O'Rourke	23.5	8503	362	.310
Tony Gwynn	21.4	9288	434	.338
Eddie Collins	21.3	9949	467	.333
Bill Buckner	20.7	9397	453	.289
Tommy Corcoran	19.7	8824	447	.256
Jack Beckley	18.2	9551	526	.308
Ty Cobb	16.8	11440	680	.366
Fred Clarke	16.8	8584	511	.312
Luke Appling	16.8	8856	528	.310
Sam Crawford	16.5	9570	580	.299
Ozzie Smith	16.0	9396	589	.262
Zack Wheat	15.9	9106	572	.317
Stan Musial	15.8	10972	696	.331
Bobby Wallace	15.4	8618	560	.268
Harry Hooper	15.1	8785	582	.281
Goose Goslin	14.8	8656	585	.316
George Davis	14.8	9045	613	.295
Honus Wagner	14.2	10439	735	.328
Luis Aparicio	13.8	10230	742	.262
Max Carey	13.5	9363	695	.285
Rabbit Maranville	13.3	10078	756	.258
Red Simmons	12.5	8680	694	.285
Wade Boggs	12.3	9180	745	.328
Pete Rose	12.3	14053	1143	.303
Al Oliver	12.0	9049	756	.303
Bill Dahlen	11.9	9036	759	.272
Al Simmons	11.9	8759	737	.334
Buddy Bell	11.6	8995	776	.279
George Brett	11.4	10349	908	.305
Rusty Staub	10.9	9720	888	.279
Brooks Robinson	10.8	10654	990	.267
Mel Ott	10.6	9456	896	.304
Mickey Vernon	10.0	8731	869	.286
Al Kaline	9.9	10116	1020	.297
Omur Viquez	9.7	10586	1087	.272
Willie Davis	9.4	9174	977	.279
Ichiro Suzuki	9.2	9934	1080	.311
Tim Lincecum	9.2	8872	966	.294
Joe Morgan	9.1	9277	1015	.271
Red Carew	9.1	9315	1028	.328
Henry Aaron	8.9	12364	1383	.305
Billy Williams	8.9	9350	1040	.290
Cal Ripken Jr.	8.9	11551	1305	.276
Steve Garvey	8.8	8835	1003	.294
Paul Molitor	8.6	8835	1244	.306
Carl Yastrzemski	8.6	11988	1393	.285
Albert Pujols	8.2	11114	1349	.297
Robin Yount	8.2	11008	1350	.285
Vada Pinson	8.1	9645	1196	.286
Roberto Alomar	8.0	9073	1140	.300
Gary Sheffield	7.9	9217	1171	.292
Willie Davis	7.8	10472	1348	.278
Johnny Damon	7.7	9736	1257	.284
Roberto Clemente	7.7	9454	1230	.317
Eddie Banks	7.6	9421	1236	.274
Bert Campaneris	7.6	8684	1142	.259
Luis Gonzalez	7.5	9157	1218	.283
Eddie Murray	7.5	11336	1516	.287
Graig Nettles	7.4	8986	1209	.248
Dave Concepcion	7.4	8723	1186	.267
Jimmy Rollins	7.4	9294	1264	.264
Robinson Cano	7.3	8673	1189	.303
Steve Finley	7.2	9397	1299	.271
Willie Mays	7.2	10924	1526	.301
Garret Anderson	7.1	8640	1224	.293
Harold Baines	6.9	9908	1441	.289
Andre Dawson	6.6	9927	1509	.279
Frank Robinson	6.5	10006	1532	.294
Dave Winfield	6.5	11003	1686	.283
Ivan Rodriguez	6.5	9592	1474	.296
Julio Franco	6.5	8677	1341	.298
Rickey Henderson	6.5	10961	1694	.279
Barry Bonds	6.4	9847	1539	.298
Adrian Beltre	6.4	11068	1732	.288
Chipper Jones	6.4	8984	1409	.303
Darrell Evans	6.4	8973	1410	.248
Carlton Fisk	6.3	8756	1386	.269
Craig Biggio	6.2	10876	1573	.281
Dave Parker	6.1	9358	1537	.290
Derek Jeter	6.1	11195	1840	.310
Lu0 Brock	6.0	10332	1730	.293

minimum 8,500career at-bats  
baseball-reference.com

#### KANSAS CITY 3, CLEVELAND 1

Cleveland	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Straw cf	4	1	2	0	1	.500
Rosario lf-ss	4	0	1	0	0	.250
Ramirez 3b	4	0	1	1	1	.250
Reyes dh	4	0	1	0	1	.250
Bradley 1b	2	0	0	0	0	.000
a-Miller ph	0	0	0	0	0	---
Mercado lf	1	0	0	0	0	.000
Chang 2b-1b	4	0	0	0	2	.000
Kwan rf	2	0	1	0	0	.500
Hedges c	4	0	0	0	0	.000
Gimenez ss-2b	4	0	0	0	0	.250
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	
Kansas City	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Merrifield rf	4	0	1	0	2	.250
Witt Jr. 3b	4	1	1	1	0	.250
Benintendi lf	4	0	1	1	0	.250
Perez c	4	0	0	0	0	.000
Santana 1b	2	0	0	0	0	.000
Dozier dh	3	1	1	0	1	.333
Mondesi ss	3	0	0	0	2	.000
Taylor cf	2	1	0	0	0	.000
Lopez 2b	2	0	1	1	1	.500
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	

**Cleveland** 000 100 000 — 1 7 1  
**Kansas City** 000 010 02x — 3 5 0

a-walked for Bradley in the 6th. **E:** Bradley (1). **LOB:** Cleveland 9, Kansas City 4. **2B:** Ramirez (1), Dozier (1). **E:** Newnam (1), Crowe (1). **RBIs:** Ramirez (1), Lopez (1), Witt Jr. (1), Benintendi (1). **SB:** Straw (1), CS: Dozier (1), S: Lopez. **Runners left in scoring position:** Cleveland 5 (Bradley, Chang 2, Rosario, Straw); Kansas City 1 (Merrifield). **RISP:** Cleveland 1for 8; Kansas City 3for 7. **GIDP:** Rosario. **DP:** Kansas City 1 (Lopez, Santana).

CLEVELAND	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Bieber	4½	3	1	1	0	4	1.93
Shaw	1	0	0	0	1	0	0.00
McKenzie, L, 0-1	3	2	2	2	2	1	6.00

KANSAS CITY	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Greinke	5½	5	1	1	1	1	1.59
Brentz	1	0	0	0	2	1	0.00
Staumont	½	0	0	0	1	0	0.00
Barlow, W, 1-0	2	2	0	0	0	3	0.00

Inherited runners-scored: Shaw 1-0, Brentz 2-0, Staumont 1-0. **WP:** McKenzie, Brentz. **Umpires:** Home, Phil Cuzzi; First, Cory Blaser; Second, Mark Ripberger; Third, Erich Bacchus. T: 2:49. A: 28,459(37,903).

#### 2021 SEASON ATTENDANCE

2021	TOTAL	AVG
L.A. Dodgers	2,804,693	34,626
Atlanta	2,300,247	28,753
San Diego	2,191,950	27,061
Texas	2,110,258	26,053
St. Louis	2,102,530	25,957
Houston	2,068,509	25,537
Chi. Cubs	1,978,934	24,431
N.Y. Yankees	1,959,854	24,196
Colorado	1,938,645	23,934
Milwaukee	1,824,282	22,522
Boston	1,725,323	21,300
San Francisco	1,679,484	20,738
Chi. White Sox	1,596,385	19,708
Philadelphia	1,515,890	18,715
New York Mets	1,511,926	18,666
Cincinnati	1,505,024	18,581
L.A. Angels	1,515,689	18,484
Washington	1,465,543	18,093
Minnesota	1,310,199	16,175
Seattle	1,215,985	15,012
Kansas City	1,159,613	14,316
Cleveland	1,114,368	13,758
Detroit	1,102,621	13,613
Aronia	1,043,010	12,877
Pittsburgh	885,498	10,611
Toronto	859,901	10,074
Baltimore	793,229	9,793
Tampa Bay	761,072	9,396
Oakland	701,430	8,660
Miami	642,617	7,934

JOHN ELLIS 1948-2022

# Former Yankee was known as a fighter

New London star stood up for teammates; in retirement, he helped others battle cancer

By Dom Amore  
Hartford Courant

John Ellis, who rose from New London's baseball hotbed to play for the New York Yankees and then dedicated much of his later life raising money to help families fighting cancer, died Tuesday. He was 73.

Yankees announcer Frank Messer dubbed Ellis "The New London Strong Boy" for his powerful build and long-distance drives. He was called "Moose" in the state's amateur circles in the mid-1960s.

Having survived cancer 35 years ago, Ellis died from a recurrence.

"My most vivid memory of him was in the American Legion," said Bobby Valentine, longtime major-

league player and manager.

"Our Stamford team played his New London team [in 1966], and he had a broken hand. He hit a home run to beat us with a little cast on his hand. He was terrific."

Ellis signed with the Yankees as an undrafted free agent soon after that game, impressed the organization with his power and was called up to New York at age 20 in 1969. In his first game he hit an inside-the-park home run against the Angels, a drive of over 400 feet to left-center that got lost in the original Yankee Stadium's "Death Valley."

"I remember when he hit his inside-the-park home run," said Ron Blomberg, Ellis' teammate from 1969-72. "Being 6-3, weighing 225 pounds, being a linebacker [in high school] and being a moose, you could see him running. He was a great athlete.

"He always had tons of fans come in from New London and Mystic and Groton. He was a great athlete, he was a great teammate. He was

great because whenever we got into a fight on the field, he was the first one involved in it."

Ellis was the backup catcher to Thurman Munson and also split time at first base with Blomberg. Outfielder Roy White, a Yankee from 1965-79, remembered lively batting practice ribbing and home-run contests with Ellis, Munson and Joe Pepitone.

"John was a lot of fun," said White, who appeared at Ellis' charity banquet a few years ago. "He was a cocky rookie when he came up.

"John would say, 'Watch this, watch this,' and he'd pop one. He had great power. He was a hard-nosed player and he was confident when he came up. He didn't feel overmatched in the major leagues.

"But his legacy is going to be more about what he did raising money for cancer. What he has done since he's had his foundation is remarkable."

After the 1972 season Ellis was sent to Cleveland as part of the

trade that brought Graig Nettles to the Yankees. In April 1973, after Blomberg became the first DH in baseball history Ellis became the first DH for Cleveland.

He went on to play 13 seasons in the big leagues, hitting .262 with 69 homers. He was known as a combative player and brought that same spirit to the challenges of his post-playing days.

"Here was a guy who would not back down from a fight," Blomberg said. "Look what he did with cancer — beat cancer the first time. He was a tough guy."

After his playing career ended in 1982 Ellis had a successful career in real estate and pursued his passion for fishing as a resident of Old Saybrook. In 1986 he was diagnosed with Hodgkin's lymphoma.

Ellis, who had lost a brother, sister and sister-in-law to the disease, often told the story of his lying in a hospital bed.

"I said to God, 'You let me live and

I'll help everybody I can,'" he said.

Ellis beat the disease and, in 1987 with his wife Jane founded the Connecticut Sports Foundation for Cancer, which is now known as the Connecticut Cancer Foundation.

Year after year the Ellis' annual banquet has grown and drawn baseball luminaries to speak, starting with Mickey Mantle and Whitey Ford. The CCF has raised more than \$9 million to support families victimized by cancer and for cancer research.

"He was a wonderful, wonderful guy," said Valentine, who appeared at several CCF dinners. "He was a loving person, a giving person, really fun to be around. By the people he got to come to all of his events, that's the real testimony of his greatness.

"It was money, but the money helped people. He was all about people."

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Tyler Phommachanh is recovering from his knee injury, but now faces more competition for the UConn quarterback job. **APFILE**

## UConn

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offense is just like the Rams," Phommachanh said. "So we'll try to build an offense like that, whatever we're good at is what we're going to run."

As Phommachanh watched, Ta'Quan Roberson, the transfer from Penn State with exceptional arm strength, took most of the snaps. Steven Krajewski, who played the most at the position for UConn last season, took the rest. Behind an end zone, Cale Millen, transfer from Northern Arizona, was taking in the action. Millen, the son of former NFL quarterback Hugh Millen, will be joining the program in the summer, as will incoming freshman Zion Turner. The competition to start will be fierce, the way Mora likes it.

Mora, his voice hoarse from practice, whispered that Phommachanh's rehab

is going well but he won't do much more than he is doing now for the rest of the spring sessions, which culminate in the final scrimmage April 21. "I want to be careful with him," Mora said.

Phommachanh's legs are important to his game, so getting the knee 100 percent is critical. His brother, Taisun, also a dual-threat quarterback at Clemson, who recovered from a torn ACL last season, has helped guide him through the process.

"Right now I'm working on getting back to my normal drop back," he said. "My three-step drop, working on some rollouts ... it's been a long process, it has definitely been tough on me, tough on my mental [state], tough on my body. I'm seeing the light now."

Phommachanh estimates his recovery is about 70 percent complete, but he'll have to stay with the brace next season. If he continues on pace he

could be cleared for full practices at the beginning of June, giving him the summer to compete for the job.

"No doubt," he said. "I've got the most confidence in myself, so I'll just come out there, take what we're doing on film and apply it on the field."

Mora who coached the Falcons and Seahawks in the NFL, and at UCLA, earned his raspy voice with a morning full of intense coaching. Though he has assembled a large staff he is very much in the middle of things and in players' ears.

"He's amazing," Phommachanh said. "He's my guy right there. He's a cool dude, easy to talk to. Just how he goes about certain things, the way he carries himself being the head guy. You're looking for somebody to look up to, and he'll lead you."

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## UConn women's basketball

# Gabriel enters transfer portal

By Dom Amore  
Hartford Courant

Piath Gabriel, a 6-foot-5 forward who played sparingly in her two seasons with the UConn women's basketball team, is entering the transfer portal, it was announced on Thursday.

Gabriel, a sophomore from Manchester, N.H., played in only 13 games this past season, averaging 4.9 minutes mostly at the end of one-sided games, averaging 3.0 points and 1.9 rebounds.

During the season, she missed two games away from Storrs, including a game at Georgia Tech and the Sweet 16 game in Bridgeport, due to academic obligations. She actually played in more games (22) as a freshman even though UConn was hit hard by injuries in 2021-22.

Gabriel, the sister of former Kentucky and current NBA player Wenyen Gabriel, led Bradford Christian to a New England prep championship in 2019. She will be eligible immediately to play for a new school.

"Thank you to my coaches and support staff for the last two years at

UConn," Gabriel said in a statement. "I'm grateful for my time in Storrs but after talking it over with my family, I've decided it's in my best interest to enter the transfer portal. I will forever cherish the relationships I've built with my teammates and I'm glad to say they are my sisters for life."

"We appreciate Piath's time at UConn," head coach Geno Auriemma added. "She was a great teammate and has a lot of potential. We wish her and her family the best with her collegiate career."

The Huskies, who reached the NCAA final before losing to South Carolina last Sunday, figured to have roster turnover with the number of players entering the transfer portal nearing 1,000. In addition, Christyn Williams, Olivia Nelson-Ododa and Evina Westbrook have all declared for the WNBA Draft. Coach Geno Auriemma also figures to use the portal to bring in experience players to fill needs on his roster.

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## CELTICS LATE WEDNESDAY

# Celtics rout Bulls for 50th W, close in on No. 2 spot in East

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Jaylen Brown scored 25 points, Al Horford added 17 on 7-of-7 shooting and the Boston Celtics routed the Chicago Bulls 117-94 on Wednesday night for their 50th victory.

The Celtics have won three in a row and are 27-6 since Jan. 22. They can wrap up the second spot in the Eastern Conference playoffs Thursday night with a victory at Milwaukee.

"It's a pretty simple formula," Celtics coach Ime Udoka said. "Play defense at an elite level. Share the ball, be unselfish on offense. And the results are there."

Jayson Tatum scored 16 points for Boston. He

was 5 of 18 from the field, making only one of eight from 3-point range.

The Bulls have lost two straight. They claimed a playoff berth Tuesday.

DeMar DeRozan scored 16 points for Chicago, and Nikola Vucevic added 13 points. Vucevic had four of the Bulls' 17 turnovers.

"I think what happens is when you're winning, you have a false sense of reality of who you are," Bulls coach Billy Donovan said. "And when you're losing, you have a false sense of reality of who you are."

The Celtics had a 16-4 run midway through the first quarter to take a 31-14 lead. They shot 57.8% in the first half, going 9 of 18 from 3-point range.

## Masters

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Still to come is Friday, the first time he will have walked 18 holes at Augusta National on consecutive days since the accident with what he described as "lots of ice" in between.

Ahead of him are a collection of players who have won majors, who have won at Augusta, and who have spent the last year honing their games instead of figuring out how to get from a hospital bed to finding joy in the simple pleasure of walking.

Im, the 24-year-old South Korean known for rarely missing the center of the club face, ran off three straight birdies at the start, recovered from a pair of bogeys with a 12-foot eagle putt on the 13th

and added a late birdie for a 5-under 67.

He was one shot ahead of Cameron Smith, playing for the first time since winning The Players Championship a month ago. The Aussie with the mullet had the most dynamic round of the day with his eight birdies, all between a double bogey at the start and the finish.

"To be honest, those couple of double bogeys really didn't have too bad a shot in them. It's not like I was scratching it out of the trees," Smith said. "Just misjudged the wind on both wedges. Just left myself in a bit of a tough spot. Other than that, it was just really solid."

Smith's 67 was the highest score to lead after 18 holes at the Masters since 2014, and that was to be expected. Even with 2 inches of rain

that softened the course, the front that cleared out the clouds brought enough wind to jangle the nerves at every turn.

Dustin Johnson, who held off Im and Smith when he won the Masters in November 2020, was 4 under through 10 holes and poised to present a daunting target with the scoring holes ahead of him. He had to settle for pars, dropped a shot late and was in the large group at 69.

Also at 69 were former Masters champion Danny Willett, world No. 1 Scottie Scheffler and Joaquin Niemann, who holed out for eagle on No. 9 and still didn't get the biggest roar of the round. He was playing with Woods, who heard them all day.

The crowd was so large that Woods could barely be

seen over so many heads as he walked from the clubhouse to the putting green and then to the first tee, big cheers at each station, all the way down to Amen Corner until the end.

"Probably at the beginning I noticed that there was a lot of people, but then I was trying to talk to my caddie, and I couldn't hear anything that he was saying," Niemann said.

Overlooked in Woods playing again was the return of the spectators, and it was a beautiful and roaring marriage. There were pockets of cheers from around Augusta National, and endless cheers for Woods.

He missed that. They missed him. And he didn't waste time giving them reason for hope by making a 10-foot par putt on the first hole.



## Safety Tip of the Day

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, taking one's eyes off the road for just 2 seconds **doubles** the risk of a car accident.

SCOREBOARD

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE				
ATLANTIC	W	L	PCT	GB
x-Boston	50	30	.625	—
x-Philadelphia	49	30	.620	½
x-Toronto	46	33	.582	3 ½
Brooklyn	42	38	.525	8
New York	35	45	.438	15

SOUTHEAST				
W	L	PCT	GB	
y-Miami	52	28	.650	—
Atlanta	42	38	.525	10
Charlotte	40	39	.506	11 ½
Washington	35	45	.438	17
Orlando	21	59	.263	31

CENTRAL				
W	L	PCT	GB	
y-Milwaukee	49	30	.620	—
x-Chicago	45	35	.563	4 ½
Cleveland	43	37	.538	6 ½
Indiana	25	55	.313	24 ½
Detroit	23	57	.288	26 ½

WESTERN CONFERENCE				
SOUTHWEST	W	L	PCT	GB
y-Memphis	55	24	.696	—
x-Dallas	50	30	.625	5 ½
New Orleans	35	44	.443	20
San Antonio	34	45	.430	21
Houston	20	60	.250	35 ½

NORTHWEST				
W	L	PCT	GB	
x-Utah	48	32	.600	—
Denver	47	33	.588	1
Minnesota	45	35	.563	3
Portland	27	52	.342	20 ½
Oklahoma City	24	56	.300	24

PACIFIC				
W	L	PCT	GB	
z-Phoenix	63	17	.788	—
x-Golden State	50	29	.633	12 ½
L.A. Clippers	40	40	.500	23
L.A. Lakers	31	48	.392	31 ½
Sacramento	29	51	.363	34
x-clinched playoff spot				
y-clinched division				
z-clinched conference				

THURSDAY'S RESULTS

Orlando at Charlotte, late  
Boston at Milwaukee, late  
Philadelphia at Toronto, late  
Portland at New Orleans, late  
San Antonio at Minnesota, late  
Memphis at Denver, late  
L.A. Lakers at Golden State, late

FRIDAY'S GAMES

Milwaukee at Detroit, 7p.m.  
New York at Washington, 7p.m.  
Cleveland at Brooklyn, 7:30p.m.  
Houston at Toronto, 7:30p.m.  
Atlanta at Miami, 8p.m.  
Charlotte at Chicago, 8p.m.  
Portland at Dallas, 8:30p.m.  
Phoenix at Utah, 9:30p.m.  
Oklahoma City at L.A. Lakers, 10:30p.m.

SATURDAY'S GAMES

Indiana at Philadelphia, 1p.m.  
New Orleans at Memphis, 6p.m.  
Golden State at San Antonio, 8:30p.m.  
Sacramento at L.A. Clippers, 9:30p.m.

SUNDAY'S GAMES

Atlanta at Houston, 3:30p.m.  
Indiana at Brooklyn, 3:30p.m.  
Milwaukee at Cleveland, 3:30p.m.  
Washington at Charlotte, 3:30p.m.  
Boston at Memphis, 7p.m.  
Detroit at Philadelphia, 7p.m.  
Miami at Orlando, 7p.m.  
Toronto at New York, 7p.m.  
Chicago at Minnesota, 8:30p.m.  
Golden State at New Orleans, 9:30p.m.  
L.A. Lakers at Denver, 9:30p.m.  
Oklahoma City at L.A. Clippers, 9:30 p.m.  
Sacramento at Phoenix, 9:30p.m.  
San Antonio at Dallas, 9:30p.m.  
Utah at Portland, 9:30p.m.

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS

Dallas 131, Detroit 113  
Brooklyn 110, New York 98  
Boston 117, Chicago 94  
Utah 137, Oklahoma City 101  
L.A. Clippers 113, Phoenix 109  
Atlanta 118, Washington 103

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

Through Wednesday

SCORING AVERAGE	G	FG	FT	PTS	AVG
Embiid, PHI	66	642	633	2080	30.4
James, LAL	56	640	254	1695	30.3
Antetokounmpo, MIL	65	669	535	1943	29.9
Domcic, DAL	63	621	348	1782	28.3
Young, ATL	74	689	488	2092	28.3
DeRozan, CHI	75	767	517	2101	28.0
Morant, MEM	56	573	311	1543	27.6
Jokic, DEN	73	748	377	1969	27.1
Tatum, BOS	75	697	397	2015	26.9
Booker, PHO	67	649	310	1789	26.7
Mitchell, UTA	66	610	264	1715	26.0
Curry, GS	64	535	275	1630	25.5
Towns, MIN	73	635	381	1797	24.6
Gilgeous-Alexander, OKC	56	647	738	2131	24.5
LaVine, CHI	66	556	317	1612	24.4
Brown, BOS	64	560	237	1519	23.7
Fox, SAC	59	516	261	1367	23.2
Siakam, TOR	66	570	271	1485	22.7
Garland, CLE	66	526	211	1431	22.5
Butler, MIA	56	393	386	1199	21.4
Murray, SA	67	568	190	1421	21.2
Edwards, MIN	70	530	207	1476	21.1
Herrro, MIA	65	495	188	1352	20.8
Bridges, CHA	77	581	260	1571	20.4
VanVleet, TOR	65	442	194	1320	20.3
Barrett, NY	69	481	288	1388	20.1
Middleton, MIL	64	437	258	1288	20.1
Randle, NY	72	512	303	1447	20.1
Ball, CHA	72	512	205	1434	19.9
Rozier, CHA	70	492	148	1346	19.2
Holiday, MIL	64	463	132	1186	18.5
Westbrook, LAL	78	548	266	1441	18.5
Poole, GS	73	457	229	1346	18.4
Bane, MEM	74	497	136	1352	18.3
Russell, MIN	65	401	198	1176	18.1
Trent, TOR	67	421	170	1210	18.1
Bogdanovic, UTA	68	415	219	1227	18.0
Valanciunas, NO	72	502	231	1292	17.9
Wood, HOU	68	440	207	1218	17.9
Vucevic, CHI	72	544	247	10128	17.8
Cunningham, DET	63	423	140	10110	17.5
Harris, PHO	70	479	169	1225	17.5
Maxey, PHI	72	460	200	1246	17.3
Simons, POR	57	353	103	988	17.3

3-PT FG PERCENTAGE	3FG3FGA	PCT
Kennard, LAC	184	409 .450
Bane, MEM	222	517 .429
Johnson, PHO	165	385 .429
Maxey, PHI	126	294 .429
Ball, CHI	110	260 .423
McDermott, SA	108	256 .422
Irving, BKN	95	226 .420
Williams, BOS	105	250 .420
Holiday, MIL	128	308 .416
Pritchard, BOS	97	233 .416
Tucker, MIA	80	193 .415
Haliburton, SAC	104	252 .413
Gordon, HOU	124	301 .412
Conley, UTA	165	402 .410
Allen, MIL	159	389 .409

ODDS

MLB	FRIDAY
NATIONAL LEAGUE	
<b>FAVORITE</b>	<b>LINE UNDERDOG</b>
at Chicago Cubsoff	Milwaukee <b>off</b>
LA Dodgers	-205 at Colorado
at San Fran.	-142 Miami
NY Mets	-175 at Wash.
at Atlanta	-188 Cincinnati
San Diego	-152 at Arizona
AMERICAN LEAGUE	
at NY Yankees	-164 Boston
Chi. White Sox	-134 at Detroit
at Tampa Bay	-198 Baltimore
Seattle	-112 at Minnesota
at Toronto	-180 Texas
at LA Angels	-122 Houston
INTERLEAGUE	
at Philadelphia-190	Oakland
	+160

NBA	FRIDAY
FAVORITE	LINE UNDERDOG
Milwaukee	10½ (228½) at Detroit
at Washington	1 (218½) New York
at Toronto	15 (228½) Houston
at Brooklyn	7 (229) Cleveland
at Chicago	2 (227½) Charlotte
at Miami	4½ (229½) Atlanta
at Dallas	18½ (221½) Portland
at Utah	2½ (227) Phoenix
at LA Lakers	9 (227½) Okla. City

NHL	FRIDAY
FAVORITE	LINE UNDERDOG
at Florida	-400 Buffalo
at Tampa Bay	-152 Boston
at Carolina	-172 NYIslanders
Colorado	-196 at Winnipeg
at St. Louis	-134 Minnesota

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NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE										
ATLANTIC	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA			
x-Florida	70	49	15	6	104	294	210			
Toronto	70	45	19	6	96	270	216			
Boston	70	44	21	5	93	223	190			
Tampa Bay	70	43	20	7	93	233	202			
Detroit	71	28	34	9	65	205	272			
Buffalo	71	26	34	11	63	197	250			
Ottawa	69	26	37	6	58	187	224			
Montreal	70	19	40	11	49	181	268			
METRO.	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA			

Carolina	70	45	17	8	98	232	168			
N.Y. Rangers	71	45	20	6	96	217	186			
Pittsburgh	71	41	20	10	92	237	194			
Washington	70	38	22	10	86	230	205			
N.Y. Islanders	69	32	28	9	73	192	189			
Columbus	71	33	32	6	72	229	265			
Philadelphia	70	22	37	11	55	181	250			
New Jersey	70	24	40	6	54	214	261			

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA
x-Colorado	70	50	14	6	106	268	193
Minnesota	69	43	21	5	91	254	215
St. Louis	70	40	20	10	90	254	203
Nashville	69	40	25	4	84	230	201
Dallas	69	40	26	3	83	204	206
Winnipeg	71	33	28	10	76	218	222
Chicago	70	24	35	11	59	188	247
Arizona	70	22	43	5	49	177	254
PACIFIC	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA

Calgary	70	42	19	9	93	245	175
Edmonton	71	41	25	5	87	251	226
Los Angeles	72	38	24	10	86	207	205
Vegas	72	39	29	4	82	228	215
Vancouver	71	33	28	10	76	203	203
Anaheim	72	28	32	12	68	201	234
San Jose	69	29	31	9	67	182	220
Seattle	70	22	42	6	50	183	246

**NOTE:** Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs.

x-clinched playoff spot  
y-clinched division  
z-clinched conference

THURSDAY'S RESULTS

Montreal at New Jersey, late  
Nashville at Ottawa, late  
Philadelphia at Columbus, late  
Pittsburgh at N.Y. Rangers, late  
Buffalo at Carolina, late  
Seattle at Chicago, late  
Toronto at Dallas, late  
Vancouver at Arizona, late  
Calgary at San Jose, late  
Edmonton at Los Angeles, late

FRIDAY'S GAMES

Boston at Tampa Bay, 7p.m.  
Buffalo at Florida, 7p.m.  
N.Y. Islanders at Carolina, 7p.m.  
Colorado at Winnipeg, 8p.m.  
Minnesota at St. Louis, 8p.m.

SATURDAY'S GAMES

New Jersey at Dallas, 2p.m.  
Washington at Pittsburgh, 3p.m.  
Florida at Nashville, 6p.m.  
Calgary at Seattle, 7p.m.  
Columbus at Detroit, 7p.m.  
Montreal at Toronto, 7p.m.  
Ottawa at N.Y. Rangers, 7p.m.  
Anaheim at Philadelphia, 7:30p.m.  
N.Y. Islanders at St. Louis, 8p.m.  
Arizona at Vegas, 10p.m.  
Colorado at Edmonton, 10p.m.  
San Jose at Vancouver, 10p.m.

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS

Detroit 3, Winnipeg 1  
Washington 4, Tampa Bay 3  
St. Louis 4, Seattle 1  
Vancouver 5, Vegas 1  
Calgary 4, Anaheim 2

SOCCER

MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER

EASTERN	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
Philadelphia	4	0	1	13	9	2
N.Y. Red Bulls	3	1	1	10	9	4
Atlanta	3	1	1	10	9	8
Chicago	2	0	3	9	5	1
Columbus	2	1	2	8	10	6
Orlando City	2	2	2	8	7	7
Toronto FC	2	2	1	7	7	9
D.C. United	2	3	0	6	5	5
Charlotte FC	2	4	0	6	6	9
Cincinnati	2	4	0	6	8	14
New York City FC	1	3	1	4	5	6
New England	1	3	1	4	6	9
CF Montréal	1	3	1	4	9	14
Inter Miami CF	0	4	1	1	3	13
WESTERN	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
Los Angeles FC	4	0	1	13	13	4
Real Salt Lake	3	1	2	11	7	5
LA Galaxy	3	2	0	9	7	5
Austin FC	2	1	2	8	13	5
FC Dallas	2	1	2	8	7	3
Colorado	2	1	2	8	7	5
Houston	2	1	2	8	6	4
Minnesota United	2	1	2	8	5	4
Seattle	2	2	1	7	6	6
Nashville	2	2	1	7	4	5
Sans City	2	4	0	6	4	9
Portland	1	3	3	6	7	11
Vancouver	1	2	3	4	3	9
San Jose	0	3	2	2	6	11




SATURDAY'S MATCHES

Chicago at Orlando City, 1p.m.  
New England at Miami, 3p.m.  
CF Montréal at N.Y. Red Bulls, 4p.m.  
D.C. United at New York City FC, 5p.m.  
Columbus at Philadelphia, 6p.m.  
Los Angeles FC at LA Galaxy, 7:30p.m.  
Toronto FC at Real Salt Lake, 8p.m.  
Colorado at FC Dallas, 8:30p.m.  
San Jose at Houston, 8:30p.m.  
Nashville at Sporting KC, 8:30p.m.  
Cincinnati at Seattle, 10p.m.  
Portland at Vancouver, 10p.m.

SUNDAY'S MATCHES

WEATHER

FRIDAY






SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

Chance for early showers, partly sunny, breezy and milder. West winds at 10 to 15 mph.

HIGH 62°  
LOW 43°

SATURDAY






SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

Mixed clouds and sun, showers are likely, mainly in the morning, breezy.

HIGH 58°  
LOW 37°

SUNDAY






SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

Partly sunny and breezy.

HIGH 54°  
LOW 38°

MONDAY






SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

Mostly sunny and pleasant.

HIGH 61°  
LOW 41°

TUESDAY







SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

Partly sunny and breezy.

HIGH 69°  
LOW 47°

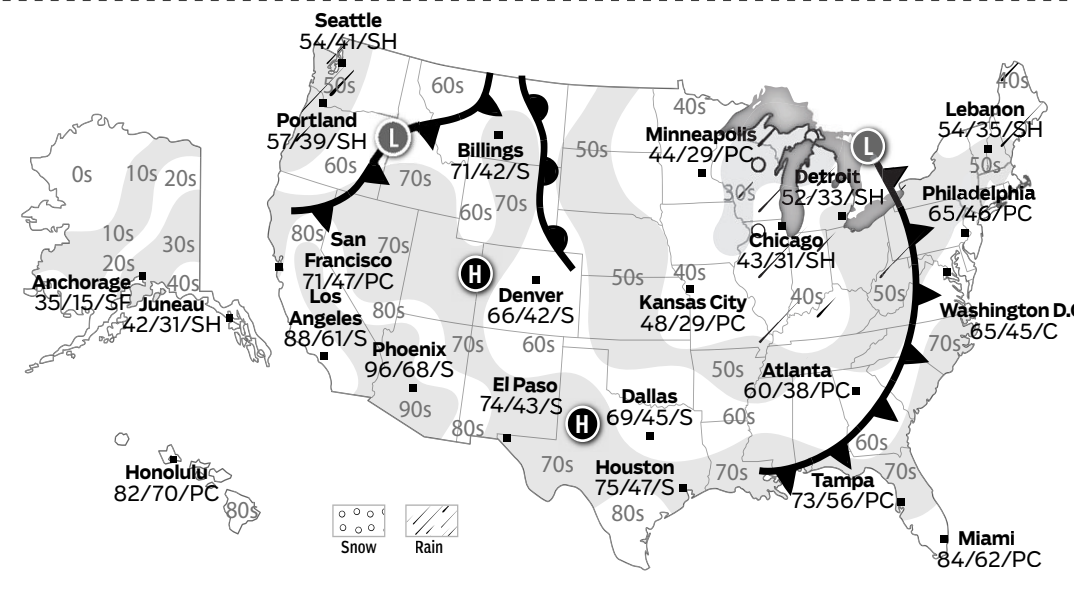
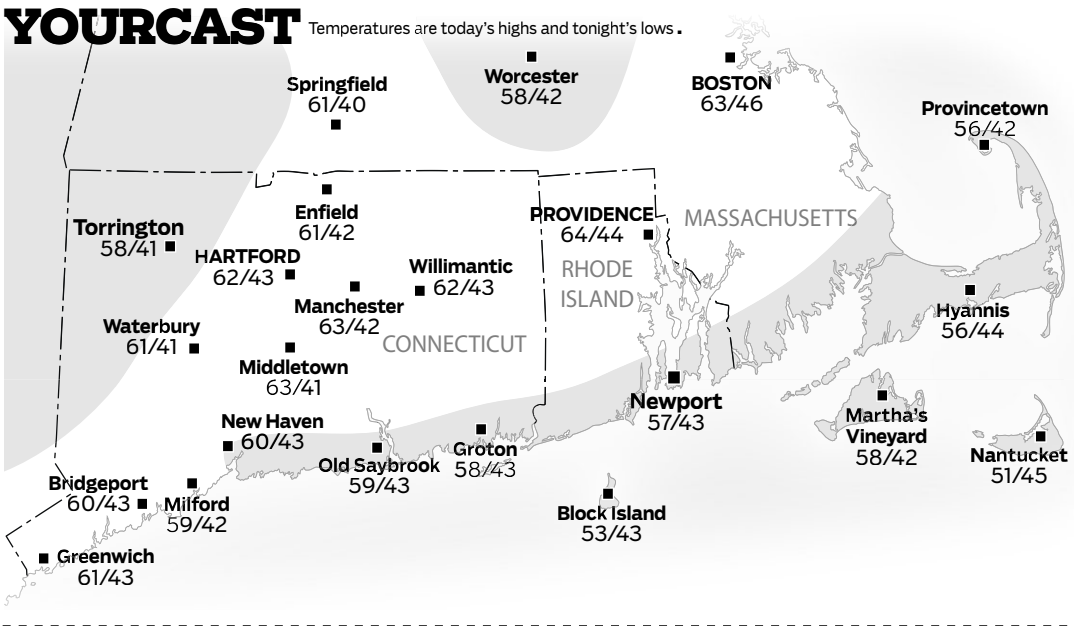
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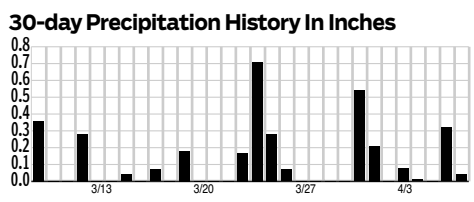
A departing storm will cause lingering clouds and scattered showers Friday morning, then the sky will become partly sunny, and temperatures will turn milder with highs mainly in the 60s, but some 50s will be found in Litchfield County and the shoreline east of New Haven. It will be breezy with west winds at 10 to 15 mph. A cold front over the eastern Great Lakes today will move into the region on Saturday bringing a mixture of clouds and sunshine, along with mainly morning showers. After a cool down on Sunday, temperatures will turn milder into the middle of next week.

-Gary Lessor

ALMANAC

Precipitation In Inches	Total Normal
Yesterday (by 7 p.m.)	0.05 0.12
Month to date	0.67 0.85
Total this year	10.15 11.07
Snowfall In Inches	Total Normal
Yesterday (by 4 p.m.)	0.0 0.0
Total this year	31.5 51.1

Precipitation, temperature at Windsor Locks



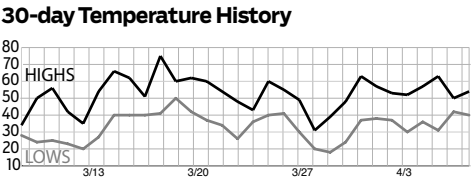
Tides	High	Low	Temp.
N.L. State Pier	3:25 a.m. 4:00 p.m.	10:08 a.m. 10:11 p.m.	47°
Saybrook Jetty	4:36 a.m. 5:11 p.m.	11:01 a.m. 11:04 p.m.	46°
Connecticut River at Portland	7:19 a.m. 7:54 p.m.	1:52 a.m. 2:47 p.m.	
Madison	4:37 a.m. 5:19 p.m.	11:01 a.m. 11:17 p.m.	44°
New Haven	4:57 a.m. 5:39 p.m.	11:25 a.m. 11:41 p.m.	43°
Stamford	5:01 a.m. 5:43 p.m.	11:39 a.m. 11:55 p.m.	45°

River Stage at Hartford: 7.11 feet at 6:30 p.m.

Boating Weather	L.I. Sound W	L.I. Sound E	B.I. Sound
Shower	Shower	Shower	Shower
Wind	SW, 10-15	SW, 10-15	SW, 15-20
Seas	1-3 ft.	3-5 ft.	5-8 ft.

Temperature	High	Low
Thursday	54 at 2:40 p.m.	40 at 1:38 a.m.
Normal for date	56	35
Record for date	93 in 2010	14 in 1982
A year ago	71	38
Range this year	76	-2

Heating Degree Days	Season	Normal	Last Season
For July 1 - April 7	4871	5325	4954



Atmosphere	High	Low
Barometer	29.95 at 3 a.m.	29.77 at 6 p.m.
Dew point	44° at 7 p.m.	36° at 6 a.m.

AROUND THE WORLD

Today's forecast in cities not included in the maps above:

NEW ENGLAND

Bangor	47 37 R
Burlington	52 39 SH
Caribou	44 33 SH
Concord	57 37 SH
Montpelier	48 33 SH
Mt. Wash.	29 22 SH
Portland	51 39 SH
Woods Hole	59 44 PC

NATION

Albany	59 40 C
Albuquerque	69 42 S
Atlantic City	64 43 PC

KEY: **S** Sunny, **C** Cloudy, **PC** Partly Cloudy, **R** Rain, **SH** Showers, **SN** Snow, **SF** Snow Flurries, **T** T-storms

WORLD

Nashville	53 34 SH
New Orleans	71 45 S
New York	62 47 PC
Okla. City	66 39 S
Omaha	51 26 PC
Orlando	75 51 S
Pittsburgh	53 35 SH
Raleigh	69 41 PC
St. Louis	46 33 SH
Salt Lake City	74 48 S
San Antonio	81 52 S
San Diego	85 63 S

WORLD

Budapest	61 52 C
Buenos Aires	79 64 PC
Cairo	84 56 S
Cancun	78 68 T
Dubai	102 79 S
Dublin	48 34 SH
Edinburgh	50 31 SH
Helsinki	41 34 SH
Hong Kong	82 70 S
Istanbul	61 46 SH
Jerusalem	77 54 PC
Johannesburg	70 52 T
Singapore	93 73 T

WEDNESDAY'S LATE HIGH SCHOOL RESULTS

BOYS VOLLEYBALL

CCC-Inter: SOUTHTOWN 3, SOUTH WINDSOR 2 (31-33, 25-23, 20-25, 25-20, 17-15)  
S: Matthew Morgan, 22digs, 18kills, Ben Roper, 45assists, 11digs; SW: Aidan Iacovelli, 19kills, 8digs, 1ace, Alex Ezedine, 10kills, 5digs, 1ace. Rec.: S—1-1; SW—0-2.  
Others  
XAVIER 3, POMPERAUG 0 (25-14, 25-22, 25-17)  
X: Peter O'Brien, 9kills, 4aces, Rory McCormick, 9kills, 2aces, Brady Higgins, 25assists. Rec.: X—3-0; P—2-1.

BOYS TRACK & FIELD

CCC-East  
HALL 132, AVON 18  
NCCC  
ROCKVILLE 106.5, BOLTON 39.5

GIRLS TRACK & FIELD

CCC-East  
HALL 138, AVON 12  
NCCC  
ROCKVILLE 82, BOLTON 66  
SCC  
CHESHIRE 114.5, FORAN 32.5  
CHESHIRE 97, GUILFORD 48

FRIDAY'S HIGH SCHOOL SCHEDULE

ALL GAMES AT 3:45 P.M. UNLESS NOTED

BASEBALL

CCC-North: Newington at New Britain; Wethersfield at Rocky Hill  
CCC-South: Maloney at Berlin; Bristol Central at Middletown; Bristol Eastern at Lewis Mills; Platt at Plainville  
CCC-East: Manchester at South Windsor; E.O. Smith at RHAM; Tolland at Enfield  
CCC-West: Glastonbury at Avon; Simsbury at Farmington; Conard at Northwest Catholic; Hall at Southington, 5p.m.  
NCCC: Coventry at Somers, 4p.m.; Bolton at Stafford, 4p.m.; Canton at Rockville, 4p.m.  
Shoreline: Coginchaug at Hale-Ray; Valley Regional at East Hampton, 4p.m.; Westbrook at Old Lyme, 4p.m.; Morgan at Haddam-Killingworth, 4p.m.  
CTC: Bullard-Havens at Vinal Tech; Goodwin Tech at Wilcox Tech  
SCC: Xavier at Sheehan; Shelton at Lyman Hall, 4p.m.; North Haven at Cheshire, 4p.m.  
Others: East Windsor at Innovation, 3:30p.m.; Windham at Prince Tech; Bloomfield co-op at Hillhouse/Career, 4p.m.; Thomaston at East Granby, 4p.m.

SOFTBALL

CCC-North: Windsor at Hartford Public; Rocky Hill at Wethersfield, 4p.m.; New Britain at Newington, 4p.m.  
CCC-South: Lewis Mills at Bristol Eastern; Plainville at Platt; Middletown at Bristol Central  
CCC-East: South Windsor at Manchester, 3:30 p.m.; East Catholic at East Hartford; Enfield at Tolland; RHAM at E.O. Smith  
CCC-West: Northwest Catholic at Conard; Avon at Glastonbury; Farmington at Simsbury; Southington at Hall, 4:30p.m.  
NCCC: Somers at Coventry; Stafford at Bolton, 4 p.m.; Rockville at Canton, 4p.m.  
Shoreline: Valley Regional at East Hampton, 4 p.m.; Hale-Ray at Coginchaug, 4p.m.; Haddam-Killingworth at Morgan, 4p.m.  
CTC: Prince Tech at Kaynor Tech; Vinal Tech at Bullard-Havens; Wilcox Tech at Goodwin Tech  
SCC: Sheehan at Foran; Branford at Hand; Lyman Hall at West Haven; Cheshire at Shelton, 4:15p.m.  
Others: Windham Tech at Windham, 4p.m.

BOYS LACROSSE

CCC-South: E.O. Smith at Enfield  
CCC-Inter: Rocky Hill at Avon, 4p.m.  
NCCC: Canton at Somers, 4:15p.m.  
NVL: Holy Cross at St. Paul, 6p.m.  
Others: Vinal Tech/Goodwin Tech at Wilbur Cross, 6p.m.

GIRLS LACROSSE

CCC-South: Lewis Mills at Bristol Eastern;

Wethersfield at E.O. Smith, 4p.m.  
CCC-Inter: Newington at Conard, 4p.m.; South Windsor at Northwest Catholic, 4p.m.; Farmington at Rocky Hill, 5:30p.m.; Avon at Berlin, 6p.m.  
NCCC: Somers at Canton, 4:30p.m.  
SCC: Sheehan at North Haven; Lyman Hall at Shelton, 5:15p.m.; Mercy at Branford, 5:30p.m.  
Others: East Catholic at Suffield, 4p.m.

BOYS VOLLEYBALL

CCC-East: South Windsor at Enfield, 5p.m.; Wethersfield at East Hartford, 5p.m.  
CCC-West: Newington at Hall, 6p.m.; Simsbury at Southington, 6:15p.m.  
CCC-Inter: Glastonbury at Lewis Mills, 5p.m.  
Others: Norwich Tech at Bulkeley/SMSA, 4p.m.; Hand at NFA, 5p.m.; Wolcott Tech at New Britain, 5p.m.; Rockville at Putnam, 5p.m.; Xavier at Barlow, 5:30p.m.; Ridgefield at Farmington, 5:30 p.m.; Darien at Cheshire, 6p.m.

GIRLS GOLF

Others: Canton at Farmington, 3p.m.

TRACK & FIELD

NCCC: East Granby, HMTCA at Granby, 4p.m.  
CTC: Vinal Tech, Kaynor Tech, Platt Tech, Wolcott Tech at O'Brien Tech  
SCC: Lyman Hall, West Haven at Law, 3:30p.m.  
ECC: Bacon Academy at Ledyard

BOYS TENNIS

CCC-Inter: E.O. Smith at Newington; Glastonbury at Lewis Mills; East Catholic at Hall; Tolland at Farmington; Avon at South Windsor; Northwest Catholic at Plainville; East Hartford at Rocky Hill; Conard at Enfield co-op, 5p.m.  
NCCC: Suffield at Granby; Ellington at Canton/East Granby, 4p.m.  
Shoreline: East Hampton at Westbrook; Old Lyme at Old Saybrook; Portland at Coginchaug; Haddam-Killingworth at Morgan  
SCC: Foran at Lyman Hall; Xavier at Cheshire; Fairfield Prep at Hand; Sheehan at Branford  
ECC: Bacon Academy at Stonington, 4p.m.  
Others: Platt/Maloney at Wilcox Tech, 3:30p.m.; Manchester at Rockville

GIRLS TENNIS

CCC-Inter: Enfield at Bristol Central; Hall at East Catholic; Northwest Catholic at Bloomfield; Windsor at Southington; Tolland at Bristol Eastern; Berlin at Wethersfield  
NCCC: Granby at Suffield; Rockville at Bolton, 4p.m.  
Shoreline: Coginchaug at Portland; Morgan at Haddam-Killingworth; East Hampton at Westbrook; Old Saybrook at Old Lyme  
SCC: Shelton at Mercy; Sheehan at Foran  
ECC: Killingly at Windham/Windham Tech  
NV: St. Paul at Wilby, 4:30p.m.  
Others: Wilcox Tech at Platt, 3:30p.m.

THURSDAY'S COLLEGE RESULTS

BASEBALL

EASTERN AT JOHNSON & WALES, LATE

MEN'S TENNIS

ENDICOTT AT TRINITY, LATE

WOMEN'S TENNIS

ENDICOTT AT TRINITY, LATE

FRIDAY'S COLLEGE SCHEDULE

BASEBALL

Hartford at Binghamton, 3p.m.  
LIU at Central, 3p.m.  
Bowdoin at Trinity, 3p.m.  
Quinnipiac at Marist, 3p.m.  
Sacred Heart at Wagner, 3p.m.  
Fairfield at Rider, 3:30p.m.  
Williams at Wesleyan, 4p.m.  
St. John's at UConn, 6p.m.

SOFTBALL

Eastern at Wesleyan (2), 3p.m.  
St. Joseph at Sarah Lawrence (2), 3:30p.m.

Trinity at Bowdoin, 4p.m.  
Creighton at UConn, 6p.m.

WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Elms at St. Joseph, 7p.m.

SATURDAY'S COLLEGE SCHEDULE

BASEBALL

Dartmouth at Yale (2), 11:30a.m.  
Bowdoin at Trinity (2), noon  
Eastern at UMass Dartmouth (2), noon  
St. John's at UConn, 1p.m.  
LIU at Central, 1p.m.  
Wesleyan at Williams (2), 1p.m.  
Quinnipiac at Marist, 1p.m.  
Sacred Heart at Wagner, 1p.m.  
Fairfield at Rider, 1p.m.  
Hartford at Binghamton, 2p.m.

SOFTBALL

Trinity at Bowdoin (2), noon  
Albertus Magnus at St. Joseph (2), noon  
St. Peter's at Quinnipiac (2), noon  
Yale at Columbia (2), 12:30p.m.  
UMBC at Hartford (2), 1p.m.  
Central at Wagner (2), 1p.m.  
Mount St. Mary's at Sacred Heart (2), 1p.m.  
Fairfield at Siena (2), 1p.m.  
Creighton at UConn, 2p.m.

MEN'S LACROSSE

Quinnipiac at Canisius, 11a.m.  
Plymouth State at Eastern, noon  
Yale at Dartmouth, noon  
Merrimack at Sacred Heart, noon  
Middlebury at Wesleyan, 1p.m.  
Fairfield at Drexel, 1p.m.

WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Wesleyan at Middlebury, 11a.m.  
UConn at Denver, noon  
Bowdoin at Trinity, noon  
Harvard at Yale, 1p.m.  
Quinnipiac at Manhattan, 2p.m.  
Central at Sacred Heart, 3p.m.  
Southern Maine at Eastern, 3p.m.  
Fairfield at Siena, 3p.m.

MEN'S TENNIS

Trinity at Bowdoin, 2p.m.  
Tufts at Wesleyan, 2p.m.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Trinity at Bowdoin, 10a.m.  
Tufts at Wesleyan, 10a.m.  
UConn at Georgetown, 11a.m.

BIG EAST BASEBALL

Standings	CONF	CPCT	OVR	PCT
Georgetown	2-1	.667	19-10	.655
Villanova	1-2	.333	9-15-1	.380
UConn	0-0	.000	21-7	.750
Creighton	0-0	.000	15-8	.652
Xavier	0-0	.000	15-15	.500
Butler	0-0	.000	14-15	.483
St. John's	0-0	.000	11-18	.379
Seton Hall	0-0	.000	6-21	.222

FRIDAY'S SCHEDULE

Butler at Villanova, 3p.m.  
Xavier at Seton Hall (2), 4p.m.  
St. John's at UConn, 6p.m.  
Georgetown at Creighton, time TBA

BIG EAST SOFTBALL

Standings	CONF	CPCT	OVR	PCT
UConn	10-2	.833	21-13	.618
Providence	8-4	.667	21-9	.700
Butler	7-4	.636	19-13	.594
Villanova	4-4	.500	16-19	.457
Seton Hall	4-5	.444	14-15	.519
Creighton	4-6	.400	14-14	.500
DePaul	3-6	.333	14-18	.438
Georgetown	2-5	.286	12-17	.414
St. John's	3-9	.250	8-25	.242

FRIDAY'S SCHEDULE

Butler at St. John's, 1p.m.  
Georgetown at Villanova, 3p.m.  
DePaul at Seton Hall (2), 3p.m.  
Creighton at UConn, 6p.m.